

Big Idea

Kingdom citizens are called to love God and neighbour with clarity, courage, and care—confident in God’s truth, grounded in His power, and compelled by His eternal purposes—yet always aware of the risks of compromise when love is redefined by the world.

Key Question

- How do we engage well in a morally confused, often hostile political environment?
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1. Our Peace (Mark 12:18–27)

Truth: The Kingdom brings peace in the midst of cultural crisis.

- Sadducees represent modern cultural elites—reject resurrection, Scripture, and God’s power.
- Jesus exposes their error: ignorance of Scripture, underestimation of God’s power, and denial of eternal human worth.
- Result of cultural rejection of God:
 - Crisis of meaning
 - Moral confusion
 - Societal harm
- **Application:** When we know the Scriptures, trust God’s power, and honour human dignity, we are grounded in hope and peace—even when our society is not.

“You are not crazy. You are not alone. And you are not without hope.”

2. Our Purpose (Mark 12:28–34)

Truth: The Kingdom gives us purpose—to love God and neighbour.

- A sincere question leads to the greatest commandment.
- Love is not sentimentality but sacrificial, relational, God-centred.

- **Application:**

- Political engagement becomes an act of love.
- But beware: Loving our neighbour can drift into loving the world's definition of love.
- Stay grounded in community and accountable to Scripture.

“Without God as the model of our love and the focus of our love, love becomes distorted.”

3. Our Partnership (Principled Political Engagement)

Truth: The Kingdom drives us into public life—not to build the Kingdom, but because we belong to it.

- Political parties are morally compromised—yet are also mission fields.
- Engagement is risky but necessary.
- We can:
 - Stand with Christians in all parties.
 - Support good candidates.
 - Influence platforms from within.
 - Promote dignity, justice, and truth.

“It is not wise for all of us to join a party—but it is not wise for none of us to.”

Conclusion

- Jesus commends the teacher—“not far from the Kingdom.”
- But the Kingdom is not a principle—it's a Person.
- In Jesus, we find the fulfilment of the law, the hope of resurrection, and the power to love rightly.