



Discussion Questions

1. After reading the article, either with a group or on your own, check in with yourself. Do you find yourself reacting or responding strongly to anything in the article, and if so, what is leading you to respond that way?
2. What does civility or civil discourse mean to you? Does the article lead you to consider any new or contrasting views in a different way than before? Why or why not?
3. In what ways does the Gospel speak into our present U.S. political landscape?
4. What factors do you most consider for how your faith informs your engagement in political discourse and/or action?
5. How can we reflect God's love for us as we live out the call to love our neighbor?

Further Reading

1. Mark 12:28-34, NRSV
2. ELCA Social Statement, "The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective" (1991), <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Church-in-Society>
3. Martin Luther, "The Large Catechism," commentary on the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandments, <http://bookofconcord.org/lc-3-tencommandments.php>.
4. Cynthia D. Moe-Lobeda, *Public Church: For the Life of the World* (Fortress Press, 2004).
5. Ryan P. Cumming, ed., *The Forgotten Luther II: Reclaiming the Church's Public Witness* (Fortress Press, 2019)
6. Golden Rule 2020, <https://goldenrule2020.org>.

