

Between Your Ears - What Is Your Worldview?

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PARENT HANDOUT

Our series, “Between Your Ears,” is all based on this principle: We live what we believe. Tonight, Micah challenges us to consider what we believe about government and how that impacts our worldview. The following is a brief summary of his message:

In a world where there is such a separation between church and state, it can be easy to feel that Christians don’t belong in government. But is that what we’re called to? Micah compares government to ships: the ship and the crew have to be good in order to accomplish the purpose. In government, both the process and the people have to be good in order to accomplish a good government.

So why should we care? Government is like our babysitter. Right now we are separated from God, and governing authorities are there to guide us and enforce right and wrong. Jesus says in Matthew 22, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Romans 13:1-7 also talks about how as Christians we are called to honor, respect, and obey our authority, as long as it does not go against the Word of God.

What is a worldview? We see that ultimately what we believe about God and ourselves leads to what we believe about our rights and the rights of others. Even though we talk about separation of church and state, it is clear that what we believe determines our worldview.

So what can we do? Romans 14 talks about how we can as believers disagree in love with one another. In 2 Timothy 2, we are told to avoid arguments, be kind, and yet still share truth in gentleness. We can, and should, have opinions on things that are clear in the Bible (e.g., murder, the care for the poor, etc.), but how that is played out in politics can vary from individual to individual based on personal conviction.

Most importantly, we need to hold our politics accountable to the Bible and not the other way around. The Bible, God’s truth and promises, remain to matter who wins the election.

Please see the Leader Handout for small group discussion questions and more scripture references to dive deeper into this topic. Email Christina Katsma @ christina.katsma@crossroadssheboyga.org for any questions about this message.