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Christianity and Government

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How do faith and politics intersect? Jesus was asked to take a stand on a controversial political question, and he famously answered, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." On the eve of the election, what do we learn about the intersection of faith and politics?

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus avoided the trap set by two opposing political parties, who wanted him to take a stand on a controversial issue. What sort of "traps" do you think might be set for believers by political factions in our day?
2. How do you think we might escape those traps?
3. How do you think we might go about having a "prophetic voice" in our culture, which involves both affirmation and critique?
4. What particular political issues do you think we should try to influence and why?
5. How might we go about trying to use our influence?