

## **Life Application Questions**

**November 1, 2020**

### **“The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Public Square”**

**Daniel 1:1-7**

- 1.** As you hear or read daily news reports, are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the United States? Are you more motivated or less motivated to engage in the political sphere?
- 2.** When we see unjust rulers and governing authorities doing unjust actions, how does our confidence in the Lord’s providence influence our response?
- 3.** How does your confidence in the Lord give you courage to both honor your leaders and advocate for just causes in the public square?
- 4.** In what ways can we simultaneously demonstrate faithfulness to biblical convictions while loving others who may not agree with us? (Ex: As we advocate for the lives of the unborn, how can we show our sacrificial love, support, and compassion for pregnant women?)
- 5.** How does Christian engagement in politics help fulfill Jesus’ command to love our neighbors as ourselves?
- 6.** As Christians, what should our relationship to political parties look like? How can we support good policies of a party without becoming tribal and unnecessarily divisive?
- 7.** How can we advocate for biblical justice and righteousness without building barriers to the gospel?