



Engaging Culture

A Biblical Case for Christian Influence into Government



FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Thank you for giving your time to lead or facilitate this small group course.

I'd just like to take a few minutes to explain some key aspects of the small group experience, particularly in relation to group discussion and prayer. Regarding the overall small group experience, please run your group in accordance with the principles and ethos of your local church.

This course is designed to run over a 1.5 hour time-frame, or can be adjusted to meet the time requirements of your group. Each of the DVD sessions runs for approx. 30 mins, allowing 1 hour for group discussion, sharing and prayer.

As a small group leader, there are some things you won't need to be concerned about with this course. You won't have too:

- Be an expert in the material of each session, we'll try to do that for you
- Prepare study plans or materials, the DVD and all the materials on it contain everything you need to facilitate this course
- The group study questions will not place you in a position of being the person that people look to for the answers. They are framed in such a way as to generate authentic group discussion based on the study material.

Now to the things you will need to do:

- As small group leader you are the facilitator of this course for your group. On a practical note you will need to lead and run the evening, being responsible for the showing of the DVD and the following group discussion.
- You will need to facilitate the group discussion. This may flow naturally following the DVD session, but you will need to direct it using the group discussion questions provided as PDF files on the website as a guide (see www.acl.org.au/engagingculture to download the Group Discussion Questions for each session. You will also find the full transcript of the talks at this website). The purpose of these questions is to reinforce the key points made during the talks and also encourage people to think deeper and practically about the theology and its implications for the real world and the political sphere.
- We'd encourage you to always finish each week by challenging people with the personal application for their lives from the relevant study.
- Finally, we would encourage you to spend time in prayer each week, for each other, for wisdom and guidance in applying the truths of God's word, and for our governments and the people of this nation. Prayer is powerful, it does make a difference and Jesus instructed us to pray and not give up. Let's bring each other, the church, the community and our governments before God each week.

Thank you for undertaking this life-changing course with your small group. We at ACL pray that God will bless your time together, and bring transformation to your lives, resulting in transformation to His world and the lives of others.

God bless you.