



# Engaging Culture

A Biblical Case for Christian Influence into Government



## STUDY 3

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Question 1

How should the truth of all people being created equal in the image and likeness God affect the way we view people, including those who are marginalized, vulnerable, poor or unborn; and how does it impact on public policy? What does this mean for the mission of the church and its influence on public policy?

#### Question 2

Jim Wallis (USA) in his book "God's Politics" says '*God is personal, but never private*'. What does this mean for our involvement as free citizens in a democracy, and how should this affect the way we vote as Christians?

#### Question 3

Social Service	Social Action
Relieving human need	Removing the causes of human need
Philanthropic activity	Political and economic activity
Seeking to minister to individuals and families	Seeking to transform the structures of society
Works of mercy	The quest for justice

Considering the above diagram, in what areas of 'social service' is the church strong and committed? In what areas of 'social action' is the church strong and committed? Into which areas of public policy do Christians need to penetrate deeper and shine brighter as salt and light?

#### Question 4

Discuss the role of prayer in social action.

#### Question 5

Many use the phrase 'Don't legislate your morality on me' to attempt to silence the voice of Christians in public debate. However the reality is that somebody's morality is always legislated. Discuss this reality and the dangers of Christians accepting the notion that morality cannot be legislated.