



## Part 1: One Nation Under God

When it comes to potentially polarizing topics, our posture, tone, and approach will tell others all they need to know about what's most important to us.

### Discussion Questions:

1. If someone reviewed your social media, texts, and conversations over the past couple of years, would they say your opinions were polarizing? Would they say you tried to understand the other side? Would they say you spoke kindly about people who didn't share your opinion? Explain.
2. In the midst of the pandemic, our church was presented with a challenge: "When 2020 is nothing but a story you tell, what story do you want to tell?" What's something about your story over the last couple of years that you're proud of? Is there an area of life you improved in or perhaps an opportunity to give or serve that you took advantage of? Is there part of your story you'd do differently if a similar season were to come in the future? What did you learn?
3. Read this quote by pastor Tim Keller. What stands out to you? What do you agree with and why? Anything you'd push back on?

*When the church as a whole is no longer seen as speaking to questions that transcend politics, and when it is no longer united by a common faith that transcends politics, then the world sees strong evidence that Nietzsche, Freud, and Marx were right—that religion is really just a cover for people wanting to get their way in the world.*

—Tim Keller

4. Read **Philippians 2:14–15**, where Paul is giving first-century Christians direction that will help them stand out in their culture. What areas or situations tempt you to grumble and complain? What are some ways you could shine more?
  5. Read **1 Corinthians 9:19–21**, where Paul shares an approach on how to help others find their way to Jesus. What are some ways we can do this in our current culture? How could you do this better? Who do you know that does this well?
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