8. Government and nation: what should we DO?

Discuss while waiting to begin

- Consider what we've been learning from Scripture about politics, government and nation. What questions would you like to ask?

1. **Is Old Testament Israel any kind of model for politics of a nation today?**

2. **What is the biblically right response to modern economic migration and the illegal migrant crisis in western countries?**

3. **Currently, freedom of religion means we are free to preach and hold Christian views. Isn't freedom of religion therefore a good thing?**

4. **Which political party should we vote for?**

5. **You've suggested that we should *want* a (more) Christian government and nation. Isn't there a danger of nominalism and "fake" Christians in such a country?**

6. **Do you think that our country is in danger of having God's anger/judgement falling on it? Is it possible to deflect that danger by asking for mercy eg Abraham appealing for mercy because of Lot? Or is God's judgement individual now because of the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus for individuals?**

7. **Does the Bible give Christians definitive ways to engage in politics and national life? And ways to resist / not participate?**

8. **What about force? Peter was admonished for physically resisting Jesus' arrest.**

9. **How should we approach differences among Christians, about politics and government and nation(alism)?**

10. **Suppose a country is invaded. What biblical principles are in play regarding fighting, holding onto land, moving your family away from conflict?**

11. **How can we think about dual nationalities from a nationhood point of view?**

12. **Given modern challengers and our society how do we form the character and ethics of our family "micronations" under God's rule and within the "tribe" of our church?**

13. **How bothered should Christians be about government, politics etc?**