

# WHEN THINGS GET T XIC

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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IN OUR NATION

1. Jesus picked disciples from both sides of the political divide in his day. Why do you think he chose to do this? Can Christ-followers from both sides of the political divide learn to obey Him together these days? If so, what needs to happen in order for that to occur?
2. In Acts 1, Jesus' disciples asked if He would restore Israel. Jesus indicated their priority should be to wait for the Holy Spirit, so they could be His witnesses. How do you think the Holy Spirit wants to use us in this divisive political climate? Do you think our politics help us or hinder us in our attempt to be His witnesses?
3. Steve talked about the temptation towards contempt when we think about people on the other side of the political divide. What needs to happen in order for us to see others the way God sees them, even if we disagree with them?
4. Steve also mentioned that in a toxic political environment, we can experience fear of losing our way of life or our vision for our country. What fears do you have in this current environment for our country? What do you think God says to us about those fears?
5. Finally, some of us feel a temptation towards cynicism in the midst of our current political environment. In your experience, what is the antidote to a cynical approach to our current state of affairs?

### KEY VERSES

Acts 1:4-8 • Phil. 3:17-20 • 1 Peter 2: 12-17