

Pray through 1 Peter 3:8 before you begin.

### **STARTER QUESTIONS**

1. We live in a country full of incredible freedoms. Which freedoms are you most thankful for?
2. Pastor Trent mentioned the 5 stages of grief. (Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance.) Which one are you experiencing? Why?
3. Pastor Trent said, "When Christians speak with a tone that reflects fear, anger, and distrust we create division." What's been the tone of your speech? When you communicate, do others hear humility and empathy? Or pride and disregard?

### **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? (20:19-22)**

1. Why are people from every single class, culture, background, and worldview threatened by Jesus? How have Jesus's actions threatened your assumptions? How has he acted outside of your expectations?
2. Why does Jesus not fit in any of our political boxes? In what ways did the Holy Spirit use this sermon to challenge your political boxes?

### **CHRISTIANS HAVE A DUAL CITIZENSHIP (20:23-26)**

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11-17. Consider the commands: Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood (the church). Fear God. Honor the emperor (government). What are some practical ways you can obey these commands this week?
2. Pastor Trent said, "Our citizenship in the Kingdom of God should transcend our citizenship in the 'kingdoms' of this world." What does it mean to be a Kingdom citizen? What kingdom allegiance is most evident in your life? (Think social media, your conversations, your bumper stickers?)
3. What do you struggle to render to "Caesar"? What do you struggle to render to God?
4. In what ways did this sermon help you marvel at the glory of Jesus? How can you practice the art of repentance by "speaking less, and marveling more" this week?

### **TAKE A STEP**

- Watch this sermon from the Just Gospel 2020 Conference and spend time listening for where you have erred personally and repent. <https://bit.ly/engagingpolarization>
- Review your social media posts in the last year. In light of the sermon, what needs to change?