

**Elections – what should I be thinking?
Bible study questions and application**

1. Consider what the Bible teaches about God establishing authority.

God placed mankind over all creation... Genesis 1:27-28

God establishes government... Romans 13:1

God raises up ungodly and godly leaders for His own good purposes... Romans 9:17; Daniel 4:31; Judges 3:15; Acts 1:7

2. Never forget Joseph where we see the specific sovereign and providential and redemptive hand of God in Joseph as a ruler... Genesis 45:5-8
3. Discuss what God requires of rulers... Romans 13:3-4; 1 Peter 2:13-14
4. Read Psalm 2 and show the group that every leader (even those who defy God and conspire against Him) are subject to God's judgement
5. Elaborate on the Baptist Principles raised in Sunday's sermon
 - a. Separation of church and state
 - b. Freedom of conscience
 - c. Freedom of religion
6. Review the main points from the sermon
 - a. Conform the age-old mystery of Divine sovereignty and human responsibility; concluding with Romans 8:28 as encouragement
 - b. Consider the foolish and wise approach in being influenced to make decisions
 - c. Look at each of the specific issues raised
 - i. Personal blind spots
 - ii. Patience with others
 - iii. Key government responsibilities