
THE BRIDGE'S ASSUMPTIONS & VALUES AROUND JUSTICE, POLITICS, & RACE



JUSTICE

1. God is passionate about justice. Scripture shows a specific emphasis on justice for the marginalized in society. When scripture talks about responses to injustice, it assumes that for justice to happen, it will often require systems and structures to change, and political and religious leaders to enact structural change. (Acts 6: 1-6, Leviticus 19: 9-10) therefore, conversations around justice are going to demand that we consider political action.

2. Humans are imperfect, thus our attempts to enact justice will always be imperfect, but every follower of Christ is called to pursue justice (humbly) anyways. Otherwise, we misrepresent God to the world.



POLITICS

1. We do not believe that either the Democrat or Republican parties' platform represent the Kingdom of God, but we do believe that the Spirit may lead individuals to advocate for specific policies that represent God's Kingdom as part of faithful Christian engagement in the world. Therefore, compelled and guided by scripture, we will discuss topics that have political implications (i.e. poverty, caring for human life, racism, etc.)

2. Differentiating ourselves from any political party to align with the Kingdom of God is an essential practice for every Christian. It will require truth telling, humility, repentance, interacting with views that are different than our own, and the willingness to question our assumptions. We call every pastor, elder, deacon, and lay person to actively engage this practice.





1. We believe that racism exists in many forms in our current society: overt acts of racism, unconscious biases, and systems that have historically and currently benefit white people more than people of color.

2. We believe that as followers of Jesus, we are called to humbly learn, self-reflect (personally and corporately), repent, and act in ways that lead to justice in order to honor the image of God in every person, and witness to the just Kingdom of God.

We continue to strive to live out these values, though we acknowledge that we have a lot of room to continue to learn and grow.

