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Election Day is just two Sundays away on November 3rd!

I'm sure many of you are tired of the constant stream of mailers, commercials, texts, phone calls, and door knockers. But despite all the election noise, the decisions you make at the ballot box are extremely consequential for the future of our state and nation.

Midterm elections often see lower voter turnout than presidential elections. As pastors and church leaders, we have an opportunity to encourage God's people not to sit this out, but to think biblically about citizenship and faithfully participate in the upcoming election.

32 Million Christians Don't Vote!

A 2024 national study by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, led by researcher George Barna, estimated that **32 million** Christians who regularly attend church were unlikely to vote.

But here is the encouraging part: Barna found that approximately one in six likely non-voters said they would probably vote if their church taught them that voting is a biblical responsibility. That means that an estimated **five million regular churchgoers** might be encouraged to vote through a simple exhortation from their church.

That is a challenge we must respond to! What if churches reminded Christians that faithful citizenship includes being informed, participating in elections, voting according to their convictions, and praying for those who serve in government?

What's at Stake This Election Season?

Every day, legislators are debating issues in Harrisburg that affect your future. These include proposals to expand abortion access, including up to 9 months of pregnancy; legalize recreational marijuana; and expand LGBTQ initiatives that hurt religious liberty. These issues raise significant questions about our Commonwealth's values and the direction it is headed.

As Christians, we have an opportunity to prayerfully consider these issues through the lens of Scripture and evaluate candidates based on their positions, records, character, and commitment to the issues that matter to our communities.

Resources for Your Church

We've put together a robust Church Election Toolkit for you! The Toolkit includes slides, a video, bulletin inserts, and more! Plus, you can order printed voter guides to distribute to your congregation. These resources will equip your church members to become informed voters and engage thoughtfully in this election season.

With only two Sundays remaining before Election Day, would you take a few moments to encourage your congregation to participate? Remind them that faithful citizenship includes applying biblical principles, praying for wisdom, and taking seriously the opportunity to influence the direction of our communities, state, and nation.

Our goal is not to tell people *who* to vote for, but to encourage them to take their civic responsibility seriously and approach it with biblical wisdom, prayer, and discernment.

Let's encourage our churches to be informed, engaged, and faithful citizens. **Don't sit this election out!**

With two Sundays left, a simple statement like, "Don't forget to love your neighbor and glorify God by voting on November 3rd" could go a long way.

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P.S. Want to cast your vote with a biblical worldview? Join us for our **Christian Worldview Workshop** **on October 29th** in Lancaster. It's for pastors, church leaders, parents, students, and anyone who wants to grow and strengthen their biblical worldview. Tickets are going quickly! Click here for info and registration.

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