



## INTRODUCTION

We live in a complex and sometimes confusing political landscape. It's often difficult to tell where the church should stand on specific issues . . . especially when people inside the church don't always agree politically. When should the church take a stand? We don't want to be the current events church, but some issues deserve a response.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Before today's message, did you understand the difference between a refugee and an immigrant?
2. During the message, Andy mentioned that our churches have been supporting refugees for years. Was that surprising to you?
3. How much have you paid attention to the Syrian refugee crisis over the past few years? If it's important to you, what actions have you taken to try to influence public policy or help refugees?
4. Do you agree that there's a tension between our need for national security and our desire to be compassionate toward refugees? In which direction do you currently lean? On what information have you based your opinion?
5. During the message, Andy said, "*Compassion and religion inform our legal system. We must not allow them to undermine our legal system.*" In what ways does that statement challenge your views about the role of religion in our country?
6. During the message, Andy said, "*The statement 'We are a nation of immigrants' is an observation not an argument,*" and "*We are a nation of immigrants who, while maintaining cultural distinctives, embrace the culture, values, and Constitution of the United States.*" Do you agree with either or both of those statements? Why or why not?
7. What are some practical ways the church can demonstrate to the world that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son"? How should the church demonstrate it?

## MOVING FORWARD

The church has a unique voice in the political landscape. As Jesus followers, we believe that what's *best* for people is *best*. We are on the side of human dignity. Do you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus for people who have fled their countries because of persecution, war, or violence? To help refugees locally or globally, visit:

**[globalx.org/refugees](http://globalx.org/refugees)**

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**