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### What Will You Do Now?

Dear Pastor,

The election has come and gone. Thank you for whatever you did and for all that you did to encourage your people to be good stewards of their citizenship by voting.

We thank the Lord for helping elect and re-elect those that we have ministry relationships with. We should also thank the Lord that no matter the outcome, we can trust Him for the future. God has not abdicated His position as sovereign King and Lord. That does not absolve us of responsibility, but when we have faithfully fulfilled our responsibilities, we know we can trust Him with the outcomes.

What will you do now? We encourage you to consider the following:

1. **Pray.** As we have often said, praying for the authorities in our lives is not just a good idea. It is something God expects and graciously commands us to do (I Tim. 2:1-4). What will you do, or continue doing, to promote habits of prayer for our elected officials, both personally and corporately as a church? Also, pray that God would open doors for us to minister to elected officials serving in all three branches of government.
2. **Plan to intentionally develop gospel relationships with your elected officials.** Serving in public office is not an easy thing. A good idea is to write a note of congratulations to those who won their elections, even if it is a candidate who does not share your values. (S)he is still your representative, and congratulating him or her is not an endorsement of their party or policies. You can sincerely thank them for their willingness to serve and assure them of your prayers on their behalf. Including an appropriate passage of Scripture is always a good idea.
3. **Prepare to take a short term missions trip to the State Capitol in the coming year** to meet with one or more elected officials. When you take the time and make the effort to meet with an elected official in his/her office, it makes a positive impression. The fact that you go there not to lobby them or seek political favor, but rather to minister to them, also makes a positive impression for the gospel. Let us know of your desire to come to the Capitol, and we will facilitate your visit and go with you.

May you know God's blessing as you continue to faithfully "preach the Word."

For His Glory,



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