

## Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White

**January 16** Session One

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion and introductions

Sample Group covenant: Listen, respect, learn. Conversations and prayers in group are confidential and privacy respected. No gossip. No one dominates. Conversation is not competition. Christ is our convener, moderator and guide: we submit to His authority. When Jesus is the head of the body, differences and diversity work together not oppositionally (I Corinthians 12)

Possible discussion questions: Why does this study matter to you? To the church? What do you think the church's role should be connecting faith, politics, morality? 7:40-8:30 Large group introduction and Bible study I Corinthians 12, 13 Homework:

Read: One: Are You Liberal or Conservative?

**Eleven: Is Your Jesus Too Small?** 

**Twenty-one: Faith and the Presidential Elections** 

Home Bible study and Questions: Where Faith and Politics Meet

January 23 Session Two

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion based on home study and readings

7:40-8:30 Video 15 minutes Lecture

**Homework:** 

Read: Six: Shh! Just Listen

**Eighteen: Abortion: Finding Common Ground** 

Nineteen: Homosexuality at the Center

Home Bible study and Questions: Christ, Christians and Culture Wars

**January 30** Session Three

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion based on home study and readings

7:40-8:30 Video 19 minutes Lecture

Homework:

Read: Five: Finding the Sweet Spot

Sixteen: The Messy Truth About Spirituality Seventeen: Situation Ethics and WWJD

Home Bible study and Ouestions: How Shall We Live? The Ethics of Jesus

February 6 Session Four

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion based on home study and readings

**7:40-8:30** Video 19 minutes Lecture

Homework:

Read: Two: Straining Gnats

Three: If You Can't Say Anything Nice

Four: Stage Five: Spiritual Maturity and Gray

**Eight: The Battle Over the Bible** 

Home Bible Study and Questions: Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray

**February 13 Session Five** 

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion based on home study and readings

**7:40-8:30** Video 16 minutes Lecture

**Homework:** 

Read: Twenty: The Question of War

Twenty-two: A Worthy Vision for America

**Twenty-three: The Radical Center** 

Home Bible Study and Questions: What Would Jesus Say to America?

February 20 Session Six

7:00-7:40 Small group discussion based on home study and readings 7:40-8:30 Video 18 minutes Lecture Closing Comments

Chapters Not Read as Part of Study: 7, 9, 10, 12-15 Read on your own!