



# ROBERT MORRIS

## STILL

### Focus

God is still in control, and Jesus is the answer, regardless of the troubling environment of our country. We still need to do our part and steward our country well. We need to pray, get involved, and vote.

### Fun

Do you remember those high school senior class “most likely” categories? Create four or five of those categories for your group and ask them to vote on a person in your group that best fits the part. Avoid any negative phrases and be creative! Have fun!

### Review

Key Scripture: Isaiah 45:5–6

#### **God is STILL in control.**

*Isaiah 46:9–10*

We can have peace in troubled times because we know that God is in control. He sits on the throne and has all authority. We know how history will end, and we will be victorious.

#### **Jesus is STILL the answer.**

*John 14:6, Revelation 19:16*

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. We have a way to the Father through Jesus and can lean on Him throughout every day of our life. Even though we have never been able to vote for the best candidate for president, Jesus, we need to vote for the *better* candidate.

#### **We STILL need to do our part.**

*James 2:15–17, Romans 10:14*

We are called to do our part and help others. Less than half of evangelicals in America are registered to vote, and during the last election only half of those voted. Those who are voting have been changing our Constitution, and in addition, our country's debt is incomprehensible. It's important we vote and steward our country well.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** What part can your group play in the upcoming election? Commit to an election project. For example, pray for our country during this election process. Create a sign-up sheet for election day, and carpool to go vote! You could even work with another Gateway Group to help with transportation or daycare on election day.

## Discuss

1. What was it like the first time you voted? Share your experience and what the privilege of voting means to you.
2. How are we stewarding our country? Not just the politicians but how are we as citizens stewarding our country? What are some ways we can steward our city, state, and country?
3. Being a republic with a democratic process, we are ruled by constitutional law. Why does it matter that there are new interpretations and changes being made to our constitution? How does that affect your life and your Christian freedom?
4. Read James 2:15–17. If God is in control, why do we need to participate in the destiny of our country by voting?
5. Will you commit to praying over the platforms of each candidate and ask the Lord to guide you in a decision that would most honor Him? Why is it important to include the Lord in your voting decision?

## Take Home

- God is in control.
- We can turn to Jesus at all times.
- We are called to provide help to others when we are able.
- We need to do our part in stewarding our country well.
- Pray, get involved, and vote.

## Prayer

Lord God, there is none like You. You are the Great I Am, the one and only God. Give us the faith we need to trust in You during times of trouble. Help us to declare Your glory and let Your light shine in our households. We give you all authority over our lives, our families, and our homes. Lord, guide us in Your wisdom as we vote for the leaders of our country. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tips\*** Keep in mind, it may be more difficult for some people to bond right away or make friends within the group. Create ways for group members to interact with each other and seek out those new members who seem to stand alone and provide friendship, support, and connection.