



Scripture: Isaiah 59:9-20

Politics and Faith create one of the most complicated intersections that believers must learn to navigate. Regardless of the outcome of next Tuesday's elections, nearly half of the country will be disappointed. Media... and the candidates... seek to inspire fear that the election of the other person will spell the doom of our country.

While I cannot predict the future or the policies the future president will enact, I do know one thing: Regardless of the outcome, Jesus is still on the throne. Christians are called to face the uncertainty of tomorrow with faith. Isaiah 59 is a sorrow filled prayer from a tense time in Israel's history and highlights that we must look to God for true peace and assurance.

Fr. Nathan offered three challenges to us as we face the uncertainty of the election cycle. 1. We should be a people of prayer and repentance. 2. We should share the Good News. 3. We should live like we believe the Good News.

Questions/discussion points:

The word "Redeemer" is found in this scripture. It occurs 149 times in the Old Testament and means "to restore something that was lost or taken away."

1. What did Jesus come to redeem?
2. How does the redemption that Jesus offers assure us in the face of our worries?

3. Why is it so important that we pray and repent? What difference does repenting on behalf of a sinful nation make? What do you know about some of the great revivals in history? (The Great Awakenings, etc)

4. How do you share the Good News?

5. If we truly believe the Good News, it changes how we live. We face tomorrow with faith rather than fear, and we seek to love others in the church.

6. Is it hard for you to love people in the church you disagree with? How can you grow in this area?

