

# POLITICALLY CHARGED

"Do We Pledge Allegiance?" Erin Burleson, July 2, 2023

Connect with each other in joy and concern

**As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.**

Discussion Questions

**Around the circle: )A question to get everyone talking and involved)**

Testify to the truth! Where has God's presence and activity been most evident in you? Your family? On the job? In our community?

**Select Few: )Questions designed for a few group members to offer personal experience or vulnerable insights.)**

Where is the blending of national and religious ideals most evident in our community?

What ideas, concepts, and practices in our culture might "put you on edge" or tempt you to become defensive about your faith?

When have you seen the "good intentions" of the church or a follower of Jesus "do harm" to others' engagement with God, scripture or the church?

How does viewing truth as a person, (Jesus) instead of a posture, prepare you to live out your faith?

**Dig Deep: (A question that may or may not be answered in session, but should be encouraged for members to wrestle with all week.)**

The greek word for testify/bear witness is marturo. It is the same word from which we get the word for martyr. What ideologies are you willing to die for? What ideologies may need to die?

Closing Prayer

