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Risen Lord Jesus, Rise in our hearts again today Be in all we do and say. Bless the food we're about to eat, Help us to bless all those we meet. Amen.



for the week

"C. S. Lewis observed that almost all crimes of
Christian history have come about when religion is confused with politics.
Politics, which always runs by the rules of ungrace, allures us to trade away grace for power, a
temptation the church has often been unable to resist."

-Philip Yancey

LIVING OUT LOUD to the every day to the every home

# VERSE for the week

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37b



When it comes to Jesus, there is no way to be neutral.



- 1. Share your highs and lows.
- 2. Who are some of your favourite leaders?
- 3. What attributes make someone a good leader?
- 4. Who or what has power/influence over you?
- 5. How are politics and leadership linked? How are they different?
- 6. How have you seen 'church politics' get in the way of the gospel message of Jesus?
- 7. Jesus was a leader, but not a politician. People followed Jesus but he never sought more power for himself. How do you use the power or influence you have to lead people to Jesus?



Sunday – John 18:37b Monday – Luke 20:25 Tuesday – 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Wednesday – Jeremiah 29:7 Thursday – 1 Peter 2:17 Friday – Romans 13:1 Saturday – Matthew 5:37



A – What is this text ABOUT?
B – What is the BEST thing about this text?
C – What is the most
CONFUSING or CHALLENGING part of this text?
D – What does God want you to DO?



## **PRAISE GOD**

for the democracy and peace we have in Australia.

### THANK JESUS

for establishing his rule by grace.

### ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT

to help you speak the truth in love, even in the face of opposition.



Bless each other with the sign of

Bless each other with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

*Name,* you belong to the Kingdom of heaven. Amen.