






	The Battle Without: What Now?
 BIG IDEA	Loving like Jesus matters more than our political differences.
 ICE BREAKER	What's the silliest thing you've ever had a heated disagreement about with a friend or family member?
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God is neither disappointed nor delighted by election results ● Our citizenship in God's Kingdom is more important than our political affiliation ● As Christians, we get to choose our vote, but not our response: We are commanded to love one another as Jesus loved us. Which means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be gracious in victory and defeat ○ Don't burn relational bridges over political views ○ Disagree without being disagreeable ● Our witness matters more than election results
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What most stood out to you from the message this week? Why? 2. In the sermon, we heard about Joshua's encounter with the commander of God's army. Why was the commander's response of "Neither" significant, and what does this teach us about God's perspective on human conflicts? 3. The sermon mentioned "dehumanization" as a dangerous process in political discourse. How have you seen this play out in your own experience, and what are its effects on relationships? 4. Pastor Shan asked, "When did we lose the ability to disagree without becoming disagreeable?" Reflect on a time when you witnessed or experienced a relationship strained by political differences. What could have been done differently? 5. How can our small group model the ability to "disagree theologically and disagree politically but love unconditionally"?
 NEXT STEP	The question "What does love require of me?" was presented as a guide for our responses. What do you think love requires of you this week?
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Joshua 5:13-14 - Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."</p> <p>John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we study the Psalms!

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