

Review:

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God is not intimidated by the shenanigans of a broken world. Even among flawed humanity, He raises up people of _____ whom He uses to accomplish His purposes in this world. He can be trusted with public relations.

Discussion 1. There are influencers whose influence comes from God and there are those whose influence comes from elsewhere. How do we discern the difference? Why is that distinction important?

As Christ followers, we deceive ourselves when we think we can elect human leaders who will not be corruptible or manipulatable or otherwise subject to all forms of human frailty. Our only hope is in _____, Who can operate above all of that.

Discussion 2. If all human leaders are corruptible, do you find that to be depressing news or freeing news? When it comes to elections of leaders, how can we as Christ followers demonstrate that our hope is in God?

The world has its own wisdom regarding power dynamics and the right balance of power between individuals. But that wisdom suddenly feels shallow when the _____ of the _____ of the universe comes to the table in one or more of the participants.

Discussion 3. If the Spirit of God really does inhabit Christ followers, how does that impact issues of power dynamics between employer/employee or between men/women or between children/adults? Why does that matter?

There is no evil, no circumstances, no power anywhere of any kind which can thwart God's plan to redeem us. God's redemptive purpose is an _____.

Discussion 4. Has there ever been a time or circumstance in your life when you doubted God's redemptive purpose for you? What helped you get through those doubts?