



## 21st Century Evangelicals

**A snapshot of the beliefs and habits  
of evangelical Christians in the UK**

### *Faith in politics?*

### Discussion questions

We hope you have been able to read our recent research report *Faith in politics?* – available at [www.eauk.org/surveys](http://www.eauk.org/surveys).

This handout suggests some questions and discussion starters that can be used by small groups to dig deeper into the findings. The questions are based on the main research findings, available on pages 4-5 of the report.

You might want to start by praying together and reading a Bible passage such as Genesis 41: 39-57, Esther 4, Daniel 2: 46-49 & Daniel 3-4, Micah 6:8, Mark 12:13-17, Romans 13:1-7 or 1 Timothy 2:1-2

#### Disillusioned with politics

- Do you trust politicians and the political system? What are your reasons?
- Do your complaints inspire you to act?
- Do you pray for our local and national leaders?

#### Engaged in politics

- Are you planning to vote in the 2015 general election? If so, what inspires you to show up?
- How can we make sure our engagement with politics is more than an occasional vote, petition-signature or prayer?
- Have you ever thought of joining a political party? Why or why not?
- How can you become more aware of local or national issues and get involved in making a difference?

## Discussion questions

### Looking for honourable public leaders

- How can you get to know your MP and local councillors more?
- Do you think churches are good at encouraging Christians to lead in public life?
- How can we identify, mentor and properly support public leaders and politicians of integrity and faith drawn from our churches and communities? (See [www.thepublicleader.com](http://www.thepublicleader.com))

### Prioritising the common good

- How do you decide who to vote for?
- What issues are important to you and why? Do you consider God's view on these issues?
- Why do you think evangelicals are so much more likely than the national population to consider poverty/inequality as the top issue facing the UK?

### Voting differently

- Do you think Christians vote differently from the national population?
- Do you often talk about politics or political issues?
- Do you share the political views of those closest to you?
- As Christians, how do we deal with disagreement in politics and relate well with others who have very different views?

### Politics and the pulpit

- Does your church teach on political issues?
- Is your church involved in any local or national issues which you would consider 'political'?
- Does your church ever encourage people to get involved in politics?
- Are there creative ways your church can encourage people to think through political issues and to engage in politics?