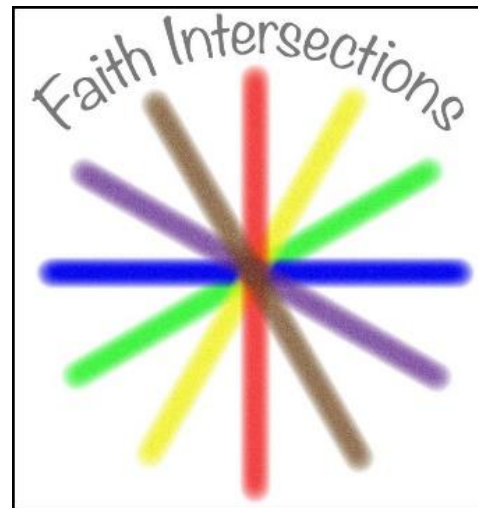


Faith Intersection is a worship series in which we will explore the important ways in which our faith in the triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit / Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer) as revealed in scripture and in history intersects five major areas of our day to day lives: relationships, world religions, science, politics, and economics.

This week, Pastor Jake will explore the intersection of faith and politics.

Questions for Reflection:

- Does your politics inform your faith?
- What is Amos lamenting?
- How are the social and political ills of Amos' time different from today? In what ways are they alike?
- What does Jesus mean when he says that his kingdom is not of this world?
- In what ways does your faith inform your politics?
- How can we do faith and politics with honesty, openness, and unrelenting and selfless passion for the poor and marginalized among us?



Spiritual Practice – Pray for Leaders

Five Finger Prayer

Watch the *Five Finger Prayer Spiritual Practices 101* video – [Here!](#)



This prayer practice uses each finger as something to pray for.

The thumb is for those closest to us (family, friends, etc).

*The index finger for those who teach, instruct and heal us (pastors, teachers, doctors, etc).

*The middle finger, our tallest, is for our leaders (leaders of our community, church, nation, those serving in our military, Veterans, etc).

*The ring finger, our weakest, for those who are weak (those who are sick or hurting, etc).

*The pinky is for ourselves.

Spiritual Practice: Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer is praying to God on behalf of others. In his book, *Prayer*, Richard Foster describes Intercession as a way of loving others. Intercessory prayer helps us to think about others through the lens of God's desire to transform them into Christlikeness. Adele Ahlberg Calhoun writes in her book, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, "Intercessory Prayer invites us into God's care and concern for us, our families and friends, and the entire world." Intercession is not a means to impose our will and desires for a person, but rather a way to become more aware of God's desires. Intercessory Prayer is a way of partnering with God in his concerns for the world, as we support others in need of healing, care, and support. Read John 17 and Exodus 17:8-13 for Biblical examples of Intercessory Prayer.

Practice praying intercessory prayers for Veterans, those serving our Veterans, those serving in our military, and others who make a difference in your life, our community, and the world.

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV