

# An Informed Voter

As Christians, we often struggle with understanding our role and responsibility in the political realm. In this course we explore the biblical foundation for our responsibility in politics. This is followed by a series of discussions on the political structure in Oregon and specifically in Marion, Linn and Benton Counties. The course provides specific details on how to evaluate federal and state office holders and candidates. Special focus is given to involvement and evaluation of local governments and the 922 elected positions in our three counties. This is a great way to learn how to become An Informed Voter.

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Sept 18 – Dec 11

8 Weeks before election elements – 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 13 & 14 (Nov 6)

5 Weeks after the election elements – 4, 5, (7, 8) (one session), 10 & 11

## Element #1 –The Foundation – World View

Objectives

- How to define the battle.
- The purpose for the existence of America
- How our world view is formed.
- The world view of the founders of America.
- God's Government design.

1. We are instructed to be \_\_\_**SALT**\_\_\_ and \_\_\_**LIGHT**\_\_\_.
2. Our battle is between \_\_\_**GOOD**\_\_\_ and \_\_\_**EVIL**\_\_\_.
3. The reason the Son of God appeared was to \_\_\_**DESTROY**\_\_\_ the works of the \_\_\_**DEVIL**\_\_\_.
4. Currently our world view changes about every **3 TO 5** years.
5. An event that changes our world view is called a **SIGNIFICANT** \_\_\_ **EMOTIONAL** \_\_\_ **EVENT** \_\_\_.
6. The seven cultural influences are: Religion, \_\_\_**ART** & Entertainment, \_\_\_**BUSINESS**, Family, \_\_\_**MEDIA**\_\_\_, Government and \_\_\_**EDUCATION**\_\_\_.

7. The **BIBLE** was the foundation of the founder's world view.
8. **SATAN** is the master of deceit.
9. Adam was given two charges. Genesis 1:26-28
  - a. Raise up a **FAMILY**
  - b. Take **DIMINION** over the earth
10. Isaiah 33:22 – The Lord is our **JUDGE**, **LAWGIVER** and **KING**.
11. Satan claims his authority – Luke 4:5-8
12. We have received authority to overcome all of the **POWER** of the **ENEMY**.  
Luke 10:17-19, Isaiah 9:6, Ephesians 1:22
13. In God's design, Government and its citizens receive their authority from **GOD**.