

HOW TO LEAD: *The Campaign Manager*

DO'S DON'TS

DO *this*

... *Not* THIS



Say, "I understand this is important to you. To preserve unity and focus on Jesus as King & Savior, let's table political stuff for private conversations" (see John 18:36).



Force (rather than invite) group members to participate in political conversation.



Encourage biblical common ground and understanding of opposite perspectives (see 1 Corinthians 12:21). Invite individual experiences: "How does that issue affect you directly?"



Allow a group member to be marginalized for political leanings or make agreement your goal. Rather, appreciate the breadth of the body of Christ and the opportunity to love when you're not the same.



If your group wants political conversation, emphasize the whole Bible's view on the issues (see 1 Corinthians 3:4-5).



Promote party or policy lines. Instead, acknowledge truth's complexity—and that portions of both parties warrant respect and repentance.



Remain aware of group members' non-verbal signals, being ready to politely defer a too-heated or inconsiderate conversation (see Proverbs 31:8-9).



Let them dominate the group or hurt others; be passive.



Remember the Campaign Manager isn't likely *for* what angers you about her political party.



Fail to communicate how their behavior affects others.