



**Christian Family
Movement**



MAKE FRIENDS | MAKE DISCIPLES | MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

DISCUSSING POLITICS DURING A CFM MEETING

As we strive to put our faith into action in our homes, communities, workplaces, and the world, of course politics may arise in our discussion.

CFMers don't shy away from applying our faith to questions in the public square. We cannot divorce ourselves from political issues, as so many political questions come to bare on the christian family.



A Listening to the call of the gospel may draw us into the political arena. Ideally your CFM group should provide a place for members to explore how their faith informs their politics.

However, sometimes political discussion can derail a meeting, or people who are not used to discussing politics can find it divisive.

When politics surface at your meeting keep these guidelines in mind:



Are members being respectful of each other?

CFMers respect each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. All should be striving to bring the gospel to the world and to build the kingdom of God.

Opinions often come from life experience. **Listening with understanding without the intent of condemnation, and speaking using persuasion to communicate the reason for a particular point of view leads to respectful discussion.**

Is this discussion leading us toward action?

The goal of our discussion should not be agreement, but action. Each member is on an individual journey, and agreement may not be possible at the moment. Steer the discussion toward how members can put their faith into action and make a difference. Even people who disagree on politics can agree on an action.



Is this discussion related to the meeting topic?

Look to the scripture passage and Observes to inform your discussion. The Observe-Judge-Act method should provide a framework where members can reconcile their faith with political questions and find a way to Act in christian love. **If the political discussion is off-topic, over-heated, or threatening to damage the group, ask the members to put it aside until after the meeting.**



Unite your members through prayer.

Political discussion may make some members uncomfortable. **Try to bring respectful closure to your conversation and unite your members through your closing prayer.** Offer a petition for understanding and respect between members and thanksgiving for a place where christians can safely and lovingly explore these issues in faith.



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