



# HOW JESUS REDEEMS OUR POLITICAL DIVIDE

## Week #3: Loving Unconditionally, Even When We Disagree Politically

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2. Do you have meaningful relationships with people that hold a different political viewpoint than you do? What are some ways that you keep those relationships healthy?
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