

BIBLICAL ELECTION FORUM 2020

BIBLICAL ELECTION FORUM STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

GOAL: Educational Forum to discuss candidates, ballot issues, and how to cast a proper vote from a biblical standpoint and to help create informed voters.

1. **ASSEMBLE A TEAM** to help you or work with your on-site Salt & Light Citizenship Ministry Affiliate leader.
2. **FIND CHURCHES OR GROUPS:** Identify Churches in local area. Also, talk with your own pastor or community organization leader. Decide on an evening or weekend when most people can attend.
3. **PICK A DATE** that is around the same time absentee mail-in ballots have been received. This allows attendees to “Bring Your Own Ballots (BYOB)” to the Election & Candidate Biblical Forum.
 - a. Absentee ballot mailings vary state by state. [Check here](#)
4. Prior to the date of your Biblical Forum, you may have helped get candidates with your values to sign the [Families First Pledge](#) or you can access the list of candidates who have signed the Pledge on [www.BiblicalVoter.com](#). This is a useful tool in deciding for whom to vote.
5. **INVITE ANY AND ALL CANDIDATES** to your forum, if you can. Ungodly generally candidates generally will not attend. And even if they did, you will be asking all of them “Did you sign the Families First Pledge Not everyone will sign the pledge. Note: If they do sign, this is not a guarantee that they will live up to the pledge while in office. However, if they do not live up to the pledge, you have a written document in which to publicly hold them accountable. It works!
[Download the flyer](#) template and update it for your event.
6. **CREATE AN EVENT FLYER** – Use the sample template and logos on the website or create your own. [Biblical Election Forums](#) – We suggest not putting pictures of candidates on flyers but make only a simple announcement. Pictures of candidates are sometimes perceived as endorsements. Listing names is better. If you want pictures, put those of the Hosts of the event or expert speakers on casting a proper ballot and non-partisan political analysts for such things as ballot propositions.
7. **BALLOT COLLECTING:** If you are in a state where it is legal to gather ballots, put on the flyer that you will be collecting ballots. Please, listen to our FREEDOM OF PREACH webinar on Ballot Harvesting. Also, go to our section on Ballot Harvesting to know the rules. When you take responsibility for collecting ballots, you also assume responsibility for getting them to the Voter Registrar’s office in a timely manner.
8. **CHECK-IN TABLE** - Make sure everyone fills out a form for attending so that you build a mailing list for the future. Bring pens.
9. **BIBLICAL VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE** – Have this table available. Some will register to vote, change party or update info. on the spot. Get a [Biblical Voter Registration Kit](#) \$149.00. Keep it for the church. Remember that 50% of the church is not registered to vote. Alarming statistics! What does this say about the disconnect of faith to being culturally relevant?
10. **SIGNAGE** – You can use American flags on the street and directional signs to guide people to your Biblical Election Forum
11. Build an **ITINERARY** for the evening. We suggest something like this:
 - a. Have your **PASTOR OPEN IN PRAYER** and say a few words about Voting Biblically or ask him to give a small sermon on some related subject.
 - b. **TOUR OF BIBLICAL VOTER WEBSITE:** Please set up for WIFI. Put onscreen the website. Take everyone on a tour of [www.BiblicalVoter.com](#). Show where you can register to vote, check voter registration, find the voter guides, Families First Pledge, Party Platforms, etc.
 - c. Go to [www.biblicalvoter.com/voter-registration-drive](#) - print business cards. Hand out.
 - d. **SHOW ELECTION VIDEOS** onscreen, start with [Bishop Art Hodges Video](#) Platforms of the Parties. Great primer! A selection of other great [1 minute election videos](#) found here.

- e. **PRINT PARTY PLATFORMS** – Give a copy to everyone and/or go over onscreen. Bottom line: Go over the value of measuring candidates and ballot issues based on God’s non-negotiable moral values – life, marriage, Israel.
 - f. **OPTIONAL LOW-HIGH INFORMATION VOTERS** - Find these PowerPoint slides on Biblical Voter and use onscreen. Enjoy interaction with the people. Ask them to raise their hands if they identify. It is fun and gets a few laughs. We were all low-information voters at one time. Congratulate those who were honest!
 - g. **VOTING STATISTICS** – Download from www.BiblicalVoter.com. Put up onscreen. People are stunned that not enough Christians vote. We would win every election, every time if we did.
 - h. Call **CANDIDATES** to the stage. Ask the first person, “Did you sign the Families First Pledge?” Do NOT hand over the microphone to them or you will regret it. Hold it to their mouth and when finished go to the next person with the same scenario. Some candidates may sign the pledge on the spot. Be sure to have copies available with a pen. If you give over the mic to the candidate, be sure to have a timer. Set it for each one so they don’t go over their allotted speaking time. Trust me, they will!
 - i. **WHO TO VOTE FOR?** Onscreen open www.BiblicalVoter.com. Go to *your* state’s voter guides. Go over this with your audience on the spot. Voter guides may be different, so it is important to encourage users to contrast and compare. Some state voter guides discuss the ballot issues, propositions, bonds, and candidates. Please, bone up on this before the event to allow for question and answers. You may also call in an expert from that organization to handle this part.
 - j. **HOW TO VOTE ON BALLOT ISSUES?** Your state voter guides should have this information. If it is not online, please help us get to know resources in your states. This is a collaborative effort of *We the People* who want Judeo-Christian Foundational principles in America. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you can locate a great resource in a state that is not listed, please let us know. terry@ambassadorssolutions.com
 - k. **HOW TO CAST A PROPER BALLOT:** There has been much talk about election fraud. We want to ensure fair elections and for many that is showing proper ID before voting, voting in person, and not having machines counting the votes. In addition, receiving a ballot by mail and then mailing it in raises issues about chain-of-custody. America is at a crossroads and volunteers are needed to work the polls and observe. Bottom line: Understanding the details about how to cast a proper ballot is essential.
 - l. **Q&A SECTION** – Open for discussion
 - m. **CLOSE IN PRAYER**
12. **EXHIBITORS** – You can reach out to other local groups who might want to have a table to show their wares. You can ask for a small donation to help defray any expenses of printing.
 13. It is not necessary to provide water and food.
 14. Ask your church to **ADVERTISE** this Biblical Election Forum. In fact, maybe your pastor will allow voter registration forms to be disseminated on every chair in church with a stapled Party Platform a few Sundays before. Maybe you can do a Biblical Voter Registration drive a few Sundays before?
 15. Today, and at events (including church services now), it is a good idea to have a large man at the door looking at people entering and keeping an eye out.
 16. The event should last no longer than 1.5-2hrs. It truly is a great time in fellowship.

