

BIBLICAL ELECTION FORUM

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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. Be sure you have their permission. 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. [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](#) – **IMPORTANT:** 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. 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 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 political parties, or update info. on the spot. Get a [Biblical Voter Registration Kit](#) \$149.00. Keep it for the church. Remember that statistically, 50% of the church may not be registered to vote.
10. **SIGNAGE** – You can place 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 the website onscreen. 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. **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.
 - d. **PRINT PARTY PLATFORMS** – Give a copy to everyone and/or go over onscreen. Bottom line: Review the value of measuring candidates and ballot issues based on God’s non-negotiable moral values – life, marriage, Israel.
 - e. **OPTIONA: 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!

- f. **VOTING STATISTICS** – Download from www.BiblicalVoter.com. People are stunned that not enough Christians vote. We would win every election, every time if we did.
- g. Call **CANDIDATES** to the stage. Ask the first person, “Did you sign the Families First Pledge?” Keep the microphone in your own hand and move from person-to-person. Some candidates may sign the pledge on the spot. Be sure to have copies available with a pen.

BRING YOUR OWN BALLOT PARTY

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4. **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, familiarize yourself with the voter guides before the event to save time and allow for question and answers. You may also call in an expert from that organization to handle this part.
 - a. **HOW TO VOTE ON BALLOT ISSUES?** Your state voter guides should have this information. If it is not online, help us connect to resources in your states. This is a collaborative effort of *We the People* who want Judeo-Christian Foundational principles in America. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you can locate a great resource in a state that is not listed, let us know.
 - b. **HOW TO CAST A PROPER BALLOT:** There has been much talk about election fraud. We want to ensure fair elections, and for many that means 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.
 - c. **Q&A SECTION** – Open for discussion
 - d. **CLOSE IN PRAYER**
5. **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR YOUR ELECTION FORUM:**
 - a. **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.
 - b. It is not necessary to provide water and food.
 - c. 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?
 - d. **Security:** Consider having someone trained as security, as needed.
 - e. The event should last no longer than 1.5-2hrs. It truly is a great time in fellowship.

