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People, Parties and Sects

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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. What struck you about the similarities between Jesus and Moses? Can you think of more similarities than the infancy narrative examples Pastor Craig shared?
3. Which of the differences was the most eye-opening to you? For example, you may have already heard that Moses went up a mountain to hear from God, but had you ever considered the implications of Jesus taking people with him? Wow!
4. With the differences between the four 'parties' and 'sects' in mind, what are we to make of those occasions when people and parties that commonly oppose one another come to Jesus together? Have you ever experienced the uniting power of a common enemy? Explain.
5. "The crowds didn't come to Jesus because they were religious but because they were restless." How restless are people in our country today, how should and how shouldn't we respond?
6. "Jesus didn't found a new party, but called people to him from different parties." There are Christians in different parties in America. As hard as that may be for you to understand, why would Jesus send people into different parties?
7. "In seasons of clear disagreement and open division, Jesus models stepping in and living out not stepping back and closing rank." In what ways may God be calling you to step in and live out your faith?
8. Before Tuesday's election, spend quality time praying for God's will for the country and praising Him for His rule and reign.