

**Study Guide for Video Roundtable Discussion:  
“Legislation Impacting Christians”**

*Michigan District, LCMS President Rev. David A. Davis talks with Travis Grulke and Dr. Greg Seltz. The discussion is a three part series on legislation in our state and country that might effect how we do Ministry in the Michigan District. Travis Grulke is the Michigan District, LCMS Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Seltz is the Executive Director from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty and Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour, one who has/is committed to the mission of our Church, even now to protect our public voice so that all can hear about Jesus.*



**Watch Part I video “Key Legislative Actions that Impact the Church”**

How do you feel in general talking about or thinking about “politics”?

Greg mentioned Romans 13 in terms of the government creating “law and order” for its citizens. Read Romans 13:1-7. What is the responsibility of the governing authorities? What is the responsibility of a Christian citizen?

Back up one verse to Romans 12:21. In what ways can that verse be your guide when the governing authorities start making laws against the Law of God?

What “fears” might we have as the State seems more and more to be attacking our Biblical values?

Fear tends to get people to fight or flight or freeze. What is a better approach for a follower of Christ (1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 146)?

How aware do you think the average Christian is of the changing legislation, and the very meaning of language, in the various governmental departments?

Why does that need to change?

How important is it to you that all people are treated fairly?

In what ways can a Christian business respond when the governing authorities demand that they only look at marriage or gender in one way?

If you are unfamiliar with Alliance Defending Freedom <https://adflegal.org> , take a moment to peruse their website and talk about their role in all this.

Why do you think “statism” has become so attractive to many people today?

If your pastor was put in jail for preaching/teaching the truth of God’s Word, how would you/should you respond? Do you see that day coming?