



HOW TO

Share The After Party with Your Pastor

Bringing a new study or course to your church can feel daunting. Pastors already have a full plate, and there are countless Christian resources available. *So why should your church engage with **The After Party**?*

Because political discipleship is not a **side issue**—it's a **spiritual formation issue**. And right now, many Christians are being disciplined more by cable news and social media than by their faith.

This is about **our witness**. How we engage in politics shapes how the world sees Jesus.

STEP 1

Clarify Your Why

Before you talk to your pastor, take a moment to reflect: **Why do you care about this?**

- Have you seen friendships, families, or small groups in your church break down over politics?
- Have you struggled personally with how to approach politics as a Christian?
- Do you feel like your church has either **avoided the conversation altogether** or **fallen into partisan divisions**?
- Do you want to help people engage politics in a way that is shaped by **hope, humility, and love**, rather than fear, outrage, or despair?

Start with your own story. Your pastor will be more open to the conversation if they see why this matters to you.

STEP 2

Frame the Conversation Well

Many pastors **avoid politics** because they only see two bad options:

1. **Say nothing**, leaving people to be discipled by the world.
2. **Take a side**, which risks dividing the congregation.

Reassure them: **The After Party is different.** It's not about telling people **what** to believe—it's about teaching them **how** to engage politics as followers of Jesus.

Here's how you can introduce the conversation:



*“Pastor, I’ve been thinking a lot about how politics is shaping our church community. I see people disengaging from friendships, talking about ‘them’ instead of ‘us,’ and feeling more fear than faith. I don’t want our church to be a place where politics divides us—I want it to be a place where we learn how to follow Jesus in this area, just like we do with marriage, parenting, or money. I came across a study called **The After Party**, and I think it could really help our church. Can I tell you more about it?”*

STEP 3

Why The After Party?

Your pastor likely already knows there are tons of books, Bible studies, and small group resources out there. So why this one?

Here’s what makes **The After Party** unique:

- **It’s built on discipleship, not partisanship.** The goal isn’t to push a political agenda, but to equip Christians to approach politics in the way of Jesus.
- **It helps heal broken relationships.** Many people in our churches have lost friendships, family connections, or even their sense of belonging in their church because of politics. This course creates space to repair those relationships.
- **It replaces fear with hope.** Many Christians feel exhausted, anxious, or angry about politics. TAP offers a hopeful, biblical framework that helps people engage without falling into despair or outrage.
- **It strengthens the church’s witness.** The world is watching how Christians handle political differences. TAP teaches people how to model love, humility, and unity instead of division and hostility.



STEP 4

Address Common Concerns

Pastors may have hesitations about introducing a course on politics. Here are a few common concerns and how to respond:

"I don't want to divide the church."

That's exactly why we need this! Right now, many people feel like they either have to avoid politics completely or take a side. TAP helps us find a better way—one that's grounded in Jesus, not partisanship.

"We shouldn't bring politics into the church."

TAP isn't about endorsing policies or candidates. It's about discipleship. Just like we teach about money, parenting, and relationships through a biblical lens, we need to teach about political engagement in a way that honors Jesus.

"People might get upset."

That's always a possibility, but avoiding hard conversations isn't the answer. The course is designed to be gracious and unifying, helping people listen well and engage with humility.

STEP 5

Offer a Clear Next Step

Once your pastor is interested, make it easy for them to take action.

Here's a simple **next step**:

"I'd love for you to check out the first session. It's free and really gives a feel for what the course is about. If you're open to it, I'd be happy to help organize a small pilot group to see how it resonates."

Share our guide for bringing TAP to your church ([link](#))

If they're open to it, share the link: after-party.org



BONUS

Sample Email to Your Pastor

If you prefer to start with an email before having a conversation, here's a sample you can use:

Subject: A Small Group Resource for Our Church

Dear [Pastor's Name],

I recently came across a small group resource called The After Party: Toward Better Christian Politics, and I think it could be a great fit for our church.

It's a free, six-session video-based course designed to help Christians engage with politics in a way that reflects hope, humility, and love—not fear or division. It's not about advocating for a political party or policy but about helping people anchor their highest identity in Jesus.

I know politics can be a sensitive topic, but I also see how it's affecting our relationships and our witness. I believe this course could help us disciple our congregation in a way that strengthens, rather than fractures, our community. Would you be open to watching the first session and discussing whether this could be a good fit for our church? You can check it out at after-party.org.

I'd love to hear your thoughts!

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

You're Ready to Go!

This isn't about bringing "politics" into church. It's about bringing **discipleship** into an area where many Christians feel lost, exhausted, or even afraid.

You don't have to be an expert. You just have to care. And if you do, your pastor will see that.

So—who's your first conversation with?

