

Series: On the Table
Title: Borders and Immigration: Why do some Christians have different views?
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A fool does not delight in understanding,
but only wants to show off his opinions.
(Proverbs 18:2)

For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God, showing no partiality and taking no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the resident alien, giving him food and clothing. You are also to love the resident alien, since you were resident aliens in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:17-19)

"The LORD of Armies says this: 'Make fair decisions. Show faithful love and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the resident alien or the poor, and do not plot evil in your hearts against one another.'" (Zechariah 7:9-10)

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him. You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. You are to love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

"Command the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land of Canaan, it will be allotted to you as an inheritance with these borders..." (Numbers 34:2)

From one man he has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live. (Acts 17:26)

Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. (Romans 13:1-3)

- 1. Image of God *and* sinfulness of people.**
- 2. Love of Kingdom *and* love of country.**
- 3. Role of government *and* role of the Christian.**

Reflection Question:

Where do you sense God leading you to serve and make an impact in your city?