

HOW DOES THE GOSPEL INFORM CHRISTIAN VOTING?

*A series of discussions at Hutt City Baptist Church
in the lead up to the Election*

Downstairs Lounge, High Street, 6pm

AUGUST 16 – **THE BUILDING BLOCKS**: A history of how Christians have voted and discussion of key issues like Should we bother voting? Should we vote for parties with Christian labels and should we vote on a single policy or multiple policies? The session will be introduced by Richard Willis and discussion chaired by Stewart Gray

AUGUST 23 – **THE END OF LIFE CHOICE REFERENDUM**: This session will begin with a panel of people with some experience in this issue and will cover BOTH sides of the question! The panel will include Wayne Gillingham (Surgeon), Robyn McArthur (Palliative Care Dr) and Graeme Joyes (Pastor and Radio Announcer). Discussion will be chaired by Jeff Brandt

AUGUST 30 – **THE LEGALISATION OF CANNABIS REFERENDUM**: This will again be a panel that will probably include Ross Gilmour (Psychologist), Bruce Hart (former Principal of Heretaunga College), Nick Malcolm (young father with an opinion) and Katie Bardsley (Social Worker) Chaired by Richard Willis

SEPTEMBER 6 – **SCOPING THE MAIN POLICIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL**: Richard Willis will kick off a discussion of all the *OTHER POLICIES* that Christians may deem important, like poverty, homelessness, mental health, economic growth, taxation, the environment, justice, freedom etc. Homework will be to read through the whole of Mathew's Gospel, and make notes on what it might say on how we vote. Chaired by Stewart Gray.

NB. This is not intended to tell you HOW TO VOTE, rather to inform ourselves when we tick the boxes. There will be Christians who end up taking opposing issues on important topics and that is ok. The various Chairpersons will be there to make sure discussion takes place in an atmosphere of RESPECT, TOLERANCE and ACCEPTANCE of other views.

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