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## CONTENT MODULE SUMMARY SHEET

# God's Role for His Followers in the World and in Government

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### INTRODUCTION

Jody Hice is currently a Republican Congressman serving Georgia's 10th District. He began life called to preach and as he grew in ministry, he supported many politicians who followed Christian values. Jody and a group from Barrow County posted and then fought the ACLU to keep the 10 Commandments in the Barrow County Courthouse.

Gary Smith met Jody through Alliance Defending Freedom, when he and 32 other pastors flew in the face of the IRS's "Johnson Amendment" which was used to withhold tax-exempt status from churches who endorsed a candidate from the pulpit. They have not been challenged by the IRS to date. Jody eventually followed a calling and then ran for office, and won a seat at Georgia's 10th District, and believes that Business, Home, Church, School are all important to KINGDOM WORK.

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### SCRIPTURE

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by people. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."*

— Matthew 5:13-16

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### CONTENT

Christians, in all walks of life and especially for businesspeople, are called to be "engaged" with our culture by being "salt and light." In other words, we are to let Christ shine in and through us where He has placed us in His created world. The Lord created and ordained families, church, and government, and we are all called to make a difference in these arenas. This is not optional as we bring truth, a sense of right and wrong, and true compassion to the needs and challenges of our world.

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*

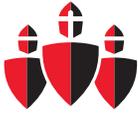
– Edmund Burke.

What role do we play in engaging the culture and in particular in politics and government? This is a question we must all consider and take some level of action. Common excuses for no involvement include:

*"I am turned off by politics, and don't want to get involved, choosing to be indifferent and focus on Jesus alone."*

*"God is Sovereign and it is His design, which we cannot change."*

Jodi Hice encourages us to take government seriously. We are called to make a difference by being salt and light as well as engaging in the fight for good over evil and right over wrong.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As Christians, especially business owners, do you believe we should be involved in government, or not?

Why? What is the Biblical reference you would follow?

2. What should we as business owners do to help our employees consider facts to make decisions about voting, etc.?

3. How are you being salt and light in your business world?

Your family world?

Your community and government?

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## APPLICATION

1. Model Godly character in all of your business dealings, decisions, and interactions.

2. Engage in your culture, community, and government. As a minimum, pray for your government officials.

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."*

— 1 Timothy 2:1-2

3. We face difficult days ahead. Be strong.

*If you falter in a time of trouble, how small is your strength!*

— Proverbs 10:24,