



LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



2KG Principles for Public Engagement, Public Policy Dialogue

1. When assessing our moral and missional responsibilities in the public square, **Christians are aware of God's two distinct ways of engaging the world**, both to preserve created order and to save (God's 2 Kingdom Activity; see Matthew 22:17-22).
2. Both the government and the Church are **legitimate God-given authorities** in our lives and in our world (see Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 28:16-20).
3. **The differentiation between the purpose** and work the Church and the State is an extension of the Christian worldview.
4. The “differentiation” God places between Church and State **involves their sphere of influence and the methodology of service**. Yet both aim toward a healthy public expression of their separate roles for the sake of the society.
5. **A healthy society should honor** the uniqueness of the family and the distinct purpose of the Church **in its polity**, while also recognizing the limited sphere of the government in order for religious liberty and life to survive and thrive.
6. Christian engagement in the political realm **asserts that religious liberty and the sanctity of life are universal human values** which are fundamental to any healthy society.
7. Christian engagement in the political realm **advocates for three enduring structures as beneficial to society**: the Church, the family, and the government.
8. Christian engagement in the political realm **asserts that Government has a vital but secondary or penultimate purpose which both supports the family and allows the Church to accomplish its work**.

