



Do Justice

“Tethered Empathy”

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?



Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.



Colossians 2:4

⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

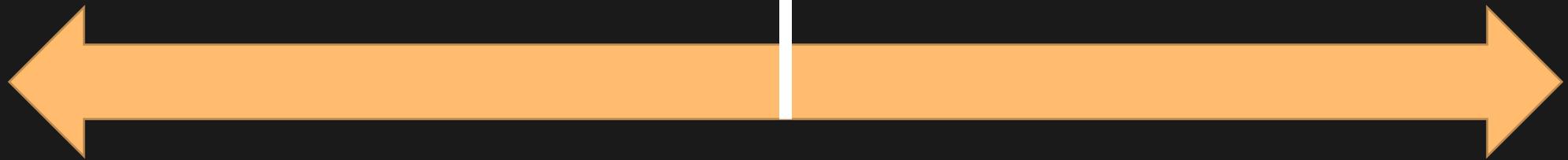


**What's at the center of
all this division?**



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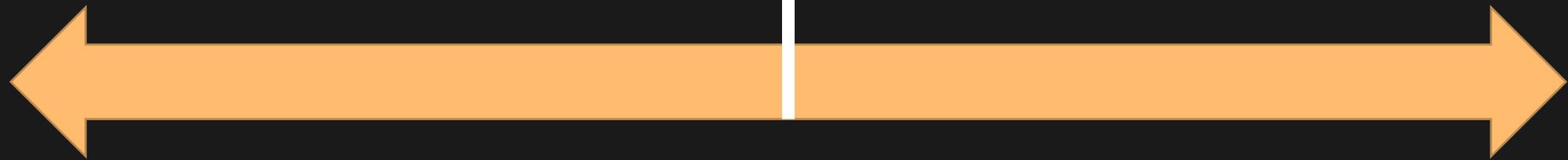
COVID

What about the weak and vulnerable who could lose their lives to this disease?

What about the long-term harm done to society by restricting key features of our society?

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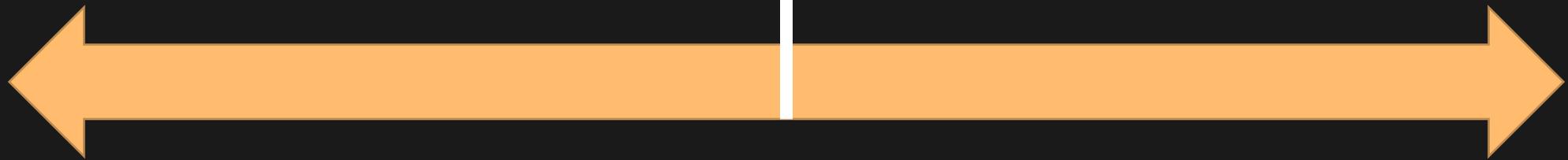
IMMIGRATION

What about those people from other nations who are fleeing horrible situations?

What about the need to preserve both the values and the safety of those within our nation?

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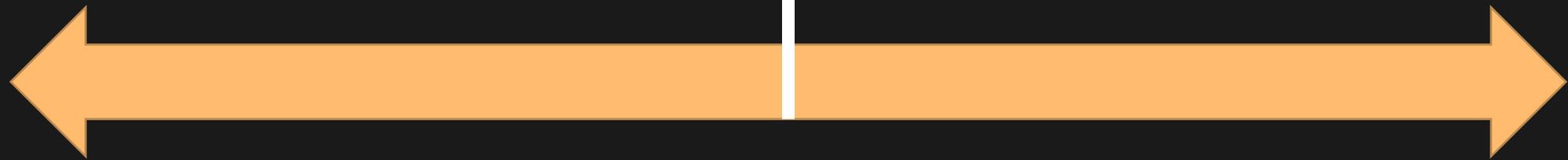
FISCAL POLICY

We need to redistribute money in order to support those in greatest need.

We need to maintain key values such as diligence and just compensation in order to have anything to give anybody.

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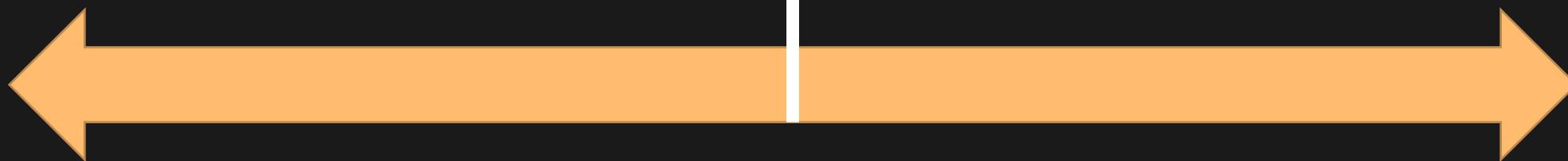
CHURCH TEACHING

We should be very sensitive in our teaching to those who have not been previously exposed to faith.

We need to build a strength of conviction that creates an enduring and united community.

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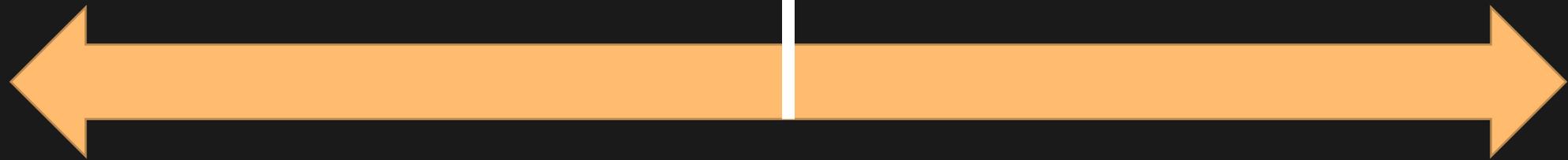
SMALL GROUPS

We need to make our small groups as welcoming and accessible as possible.

We need to provide a place where people can be known and experience deep friendship.

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Leviticus 19:1-4

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. ⁴ Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.”



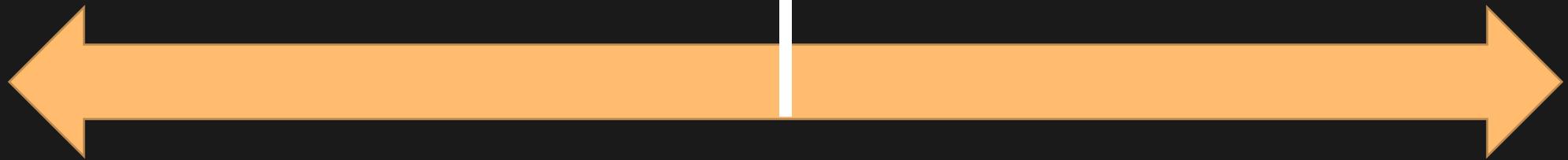
Leviticus 19:9-10

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”



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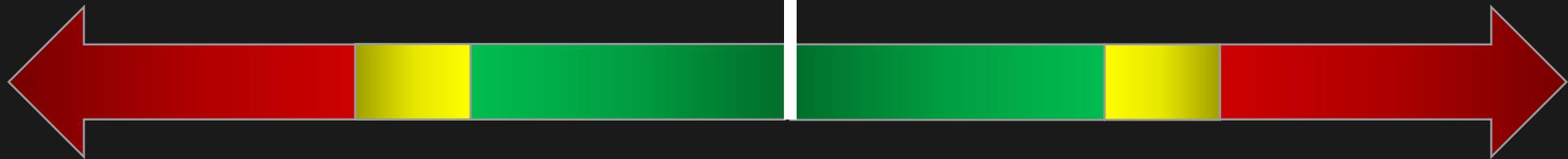
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John 11:47-48,53

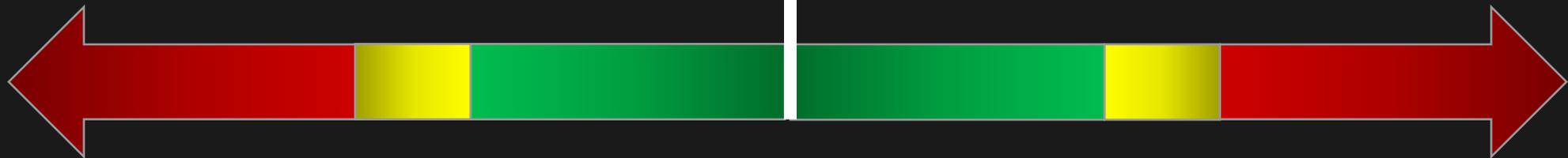
⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.



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Genesis 4:3-8

³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?”



Genesis 4:3-8

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

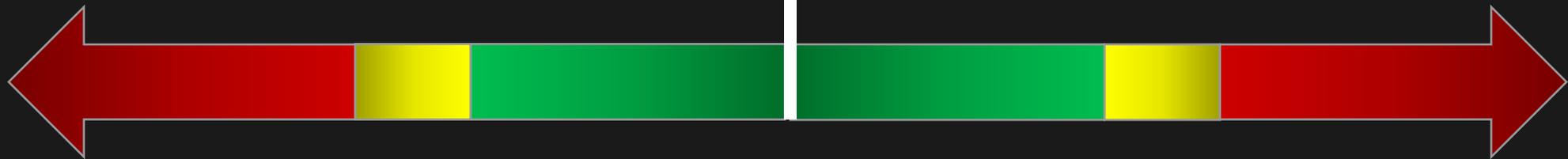


**WEEK 4:
PASTOR
PERRY**

**WEEK 3:
PASTOR
TRAVIS**

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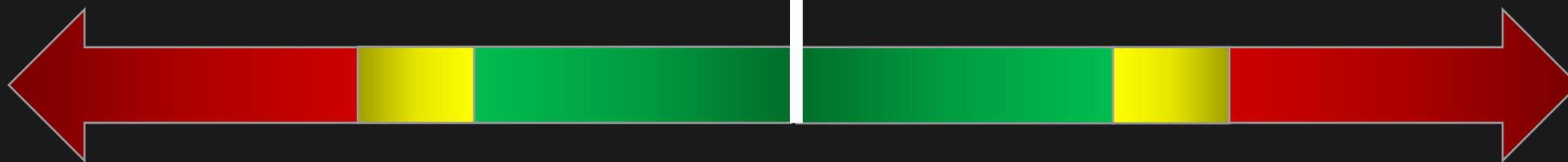
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Colossians 1:15-17

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



Ross Douthat

"Christianity is a paradoxical religion because the Jew of Nazareth is a paradoxical character. No figure in history or fiction contains as many multitudes as the New Testament's Jesus. He's a celibate ascetic who enjoys dining with publicans and changing water into wine at weddings. He's an apocalyptic prophet one moment, a wise ethicist the next. He's a fierce critic of Jewish religious law who insists that he's actually fulfilling rather than subverting it. He preaches a reversal of every social hierarchy while deliberately avoiding explicitly political claims."



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"He promises to set parents against children and then disallows divorce; he consorts with prostitutes while denouncing even lustful thoughts. He makes wild claims about his own relationship with God, and perhaps his own divinity, without displaying any of the usual signs of megalomania or madness. He can be egalitarian and hierarchical, gentle and impatient, extraordinarily charitable and extraordinarily judgmental. He sets impossible standards and then forgives the worst of sinners. He blesses the peacemakers and then promises that he's brought not peace but the sword. He's superhuman one moment; the next he's weeping."



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"The boast of Christian orthodoxy, as codified by the councils of the early Church and expounded in the Creeds, has always been its fidelity to *the whole of Jesus*."

