



"And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

Use this recent news story to help your students see the relevance
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CONTINUING CRITICISM

Donald J. Trump became the 45th president of the United States on Friday. One week earlier, a media feud developed between Trump and Congressman John Lewis. Lewis called Trump's election "illegitimate," and Trump fired back a tweet that was harshly critical of the longtime Georgia congressman. In the aftermath, a growing number of Democratic members of Congress vowed to join Lewis in protesting Trump's election by not attending the inaugural ceremonies. The animosity of the election campaign is continuing as the new administration takes office.

CEASELESS PRAISE

What is happening in Washington stands in stark contrast to what Psalm 104 says of God's reign over the universe. Without contradiction, God's creation speaks with ceaseless praise of his greatness. The heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the creatures speak of God's power.

1. What do you see as your Christian responsibility regarding the divisive attitudes displayed in Washington and around the country at this time?
2. Have you been able to develop a more charitable attitude toward the candidate(s) you voted against? If so, how?
3. How are you praying for the new president (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1, 2)? How are you praying for his critics?
4. How does creation express praise to God?
5. Why do you think humans so often fail to do the same?

—Charles R. Boatman

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