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## DEFEND & ADVANCE

BIBLICAL VALUES IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

CHURCH  
**DEFENDER**  
SERIES

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# BOOKLET INSTRUCTIONS

This booklet is meant to be coupled with the provided slides. We use an adult method of teaching:

1. Discovery The adults will discover the information.
2. Discussion The adults will discuss what they discovered.
3. Lecture The teacher will come back and teach.



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## Action #1: Preach and Teach on a Biblical Worldview

- Biblical Worldview #1:** God Created the Heavens and the Earth. (Genesis 1 & 2)
- Biblical Worldview #2:** Everything God created was good. (Genesis 1:31)
- Biblical Worldview #3:** God Created male and female: there are only two genders. (Genesis 1:27)
- Biblical Worldview #4:** Sin entered into the world through one man Adam. (Genesis 3)
- Biblical Worldview #5:** All have sinned and fallen short. (Romans 3:11-23)
- Biblical Worldview #6:** God has his absolutes. (Exodus 20; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:8-10; Rev. 21:7-8)
- Biblical Worldview #7:** Marriage is between one biological male and one biological female. (Genesis 2:24)
- Biblical Worldview #8:** Life starts at conception. (Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5)
- Biblical Worldview #9:** Natural death. (Hebrews 9:27)
- Biblical Worldview #10:** Free Speech. (Acts 5:27-29; Ephesians 4:15; Daniel 3:1-26; Ephesians 6:20)
- Biblical Worldview #11:** Self-defense. (Exodus 22:2-3; Luke 22:36; Acts 16:37-39; Luke 18:3)
- Biblical Worldview #12:** Consequences for rape and incest. (Deut. 22:25-27; 2 Sam. 13, Lev. 18; 20:11-21)
- Biblical Worldview #13:** Consequences for hurting children. (Matthew 18:6)
- Biblical Worldview #14:** The principle of sowing and reaping. (Galatians 6:7)
- Biblical Worldview #15:** God sets up nations. (Psalm 46:10; Psalm 22:28; Genesis 11:8; Deuteronomy 32:8)
- Biblical Worldview #16:** God is the God of law and order. (1 Cor. 14:40; Leviticus (as a whole))
- Biblical Worldview #17:** Equal justice. (Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17)
- Biblical Worldview #18:** The role of government. (Romans 13; 1 Peter 2)
- Biblical Worldview #19:** Separation of Power. (Exodus 19-20 & 28; 1 Samuel 2-8; 2 Samuel 12)
- Biblical Worldview #20:** Property Rights. (Exodus 20:15-17; Deut. 27:17; Ex. 21:28-36; 22:1-15; Deut. 22:1-4)
- Biblical Worldview #21:** Religious Freedom. (Leviticus 25:10)
- Biblical Worldview #22:** Parental Rights. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Biblical Worldview #23:** National Defense. (Psalm 86:9; Acts 17:26; 1 Peter 2:14; Judges 2:16-18; 1 Samuel 17)
- Biblical Worldview #24:** Free Markets. (Genesis 1:28; Romans 13:4)
- Biblical Worldview #25:** Limited Government. (Leviticus 19:15; Psalm 22:28)
- Biblical Worldview #26:** God is just. (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- Biblical Worldview #27:** God is holy. (Revelation 4:8)
- Biblical Worldview #28:** God is the judge. (Psalm 75:7)
- Biblical Worldview #29:** God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)
- Biblical Worldview #30:** God is all-knowing. (Isaiah 46:9-10)
- Biblical Worldview #31:** God is self-sufficient. (John 5:26)
- Biblical Worldview #32:** God is all-present. (Psalm 139)
- Biblical Worldview #33:** God is merciful. (Romans 9:15-16)
- Biblical Worldview #34:** God is good. (Psalm 34:8)
- Biblical Worldview #35:** God is gracious. (Psalm 145:8)
- Biblical Worldview #36:** God is awesome. (Habakkuk 3:4)
- Biblical Worldview #37:** God is vengeful. (Nahum 1:2-8)
- Biblical Worldview #38:** God is wrath. (Romans 1:18-19; Ezekiel 15:17)
- Biblical Worldview #39:** God punishes evil. (Isaiah 26:21)
- Biblical Worldview #40:** God is jealous. (Exodus 34:14)
- Biblical Worldview #41:** God is a consuming fire. (Deuteronomy 4:24)
- Biblical Worldview #42:** God can be provoked to anger. (Psalm 78:58)
- Biblical Worldview #43:** God is a mighty warrior. (Zephaniah 3:17)
- Biblical Worldview #44:** God holds your hand. (Isaiah 41:13)
- Biblical Worldview #45:** God is sovereign. (2 Samuel 7:22)
- Biblical Worldview #46:** God is a solid rock. (1 Samuel 2:2)



## Action #2: Start A Public Square Ministry

**Step #1:** Hear from God.

**Step #2:** Go to <https://fpiw.org/public-square-ministry/>  
Download the Public Square Strategy Document

**Step #3:** Twelve Basic Areas of the Public Square

1. Business (Small and Corporate)
2. Government (Elected Officials, Employees, Policies, & Laws)
3. Religious Organizations, the Church, & Other Non-Profits
4. Education (Private and Public)
5. The Arts, Entertainment, and Athletics
6. Medical (Emergency, Short-term, and Long-term)
7. Justice, Law Enforcement, & Those Incarcerated.
8. Professionals, Finance, and Tech
9. Laborers and Tradesmen
10. Retired and Widows
11. Lower Class, Middle Class, Upper Class
12. Marginalized

**Step #4:** Public Square Areas from different angles

Measure the 12 basic areas

Discern what God is calling you to do in the 12 basic areas

**Step #5:** Developing a strategy for the public square

Vision

Mission

Strategy

Goals

Support #1

Support #2

**Step #6:** Core Values

Core Value #1

Core Value #2

Core Value #3

**Step #7:** Relational Commitments 1 to 8

**Step #8:** Build a Team

**Step #9:** Advertise

**Step #10:** Minister



## Action #3: Raise Up Defender Intercessors

**Step #1:** Hear from God.

**Step #2:** Go to:

<https://fpiw.org/defenders-pray/>  
Click the Defender Intercessor Application

**Step #3:** Pray regularly for

The Family  
Fathers  
Mothers  
Children  
Upholding the Constitution  
Your Local Sheriff  
Judges  
Law Enforcement  
Education  
School Board Members  
Administrators  
Teachers  
Students  
Representatives of We the People  
Mayors and City Officials  
County Elected Officials  
House Representatives  
Senators  
Executives

**Step #4:** Intercessory Prayer Nights

*"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."  
(2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV)*

**Step #5:** Teach others to pray the scriptures

**Step #6:** Develop a Intercessor Prayer Strategy – Download prayer strategy

<https://fpiw.org/defenders-pray/>



### DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 1.7 MILLION CONSERVATIVES IN WASHINGTON STATE

#### ACCOMPLISH FPIW's VISION:

A state where authentic biblical values flourish, and people are free to live out their faith in the workplace and community.

#### FULLFILL FPIW's MISSION:

To unite, represent, educate, and equip Washington legislators, pastors, and citizens to speak out on authentic biblical values, public policy, and bills impacting individuals and families within the public square.

#### DEFENSE STRATEGY

RAISE UP 1.7 MILLION "DEFENDERS" OF LIFE, MARRIAGE, PARENTAL RIGHTS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, & EDUCATION.

#### OFFENSE STRATEGY

EMPOWER 1.7 MILLION "DEFENDERS" TO ADVANCE BIBLICAL VALUES IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

#### DEFENDERS PRAY

**I commit** to pray for my elected officials.

**I commit** to pray for my county, state, and nation.

**I commit** to pray for my school board, teachers, and support staff.

#### DEFENDERS VOTE

**I will defend** life through my vote.

**I will defend** marriage through my vote.

**I will defend** our sacred religious liberties through my vote.

**I will defend** the primacy of parental rights through my vote.

**I will defend** Godly sexuality and the innocence of children through my vote.

#### DEFENDERS SIGN

**I commit** to signing initiatives that align with the biblical worldview.

**I commit** to signing referendums that align with the biblical worldview.

#### DEFENDERS ENGAGE

**I commit** to being "salt and light" in the Public Square (Matt. 5:13-16).

**I commit** to loving God and my neighbor through practical policies (Matt. 22:36-40).

**I commit** to passing on the biblical worldview to the next generation (Deut. 6:7-9).



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AND FAMILY



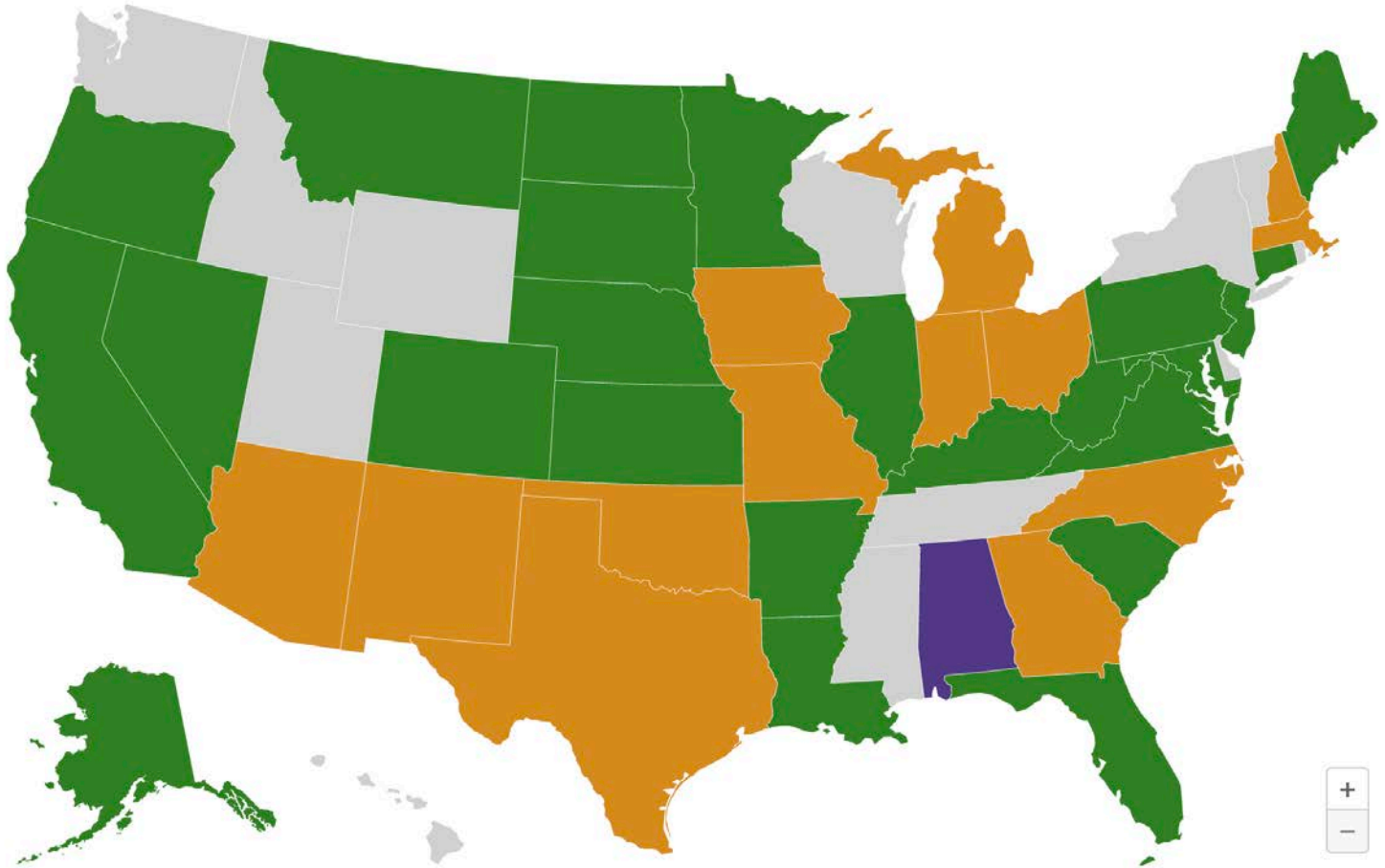
DEFENDING  
RELIGIOUS  
LIBERTIES



DEFENDING  
PARENTAL  
RIGHTS

## Mail ballot collection and return laws by state

■ Someone chosen by voter  
 ■ Specific people may return  
 ■ Unspecified  
 ■ Only the voter



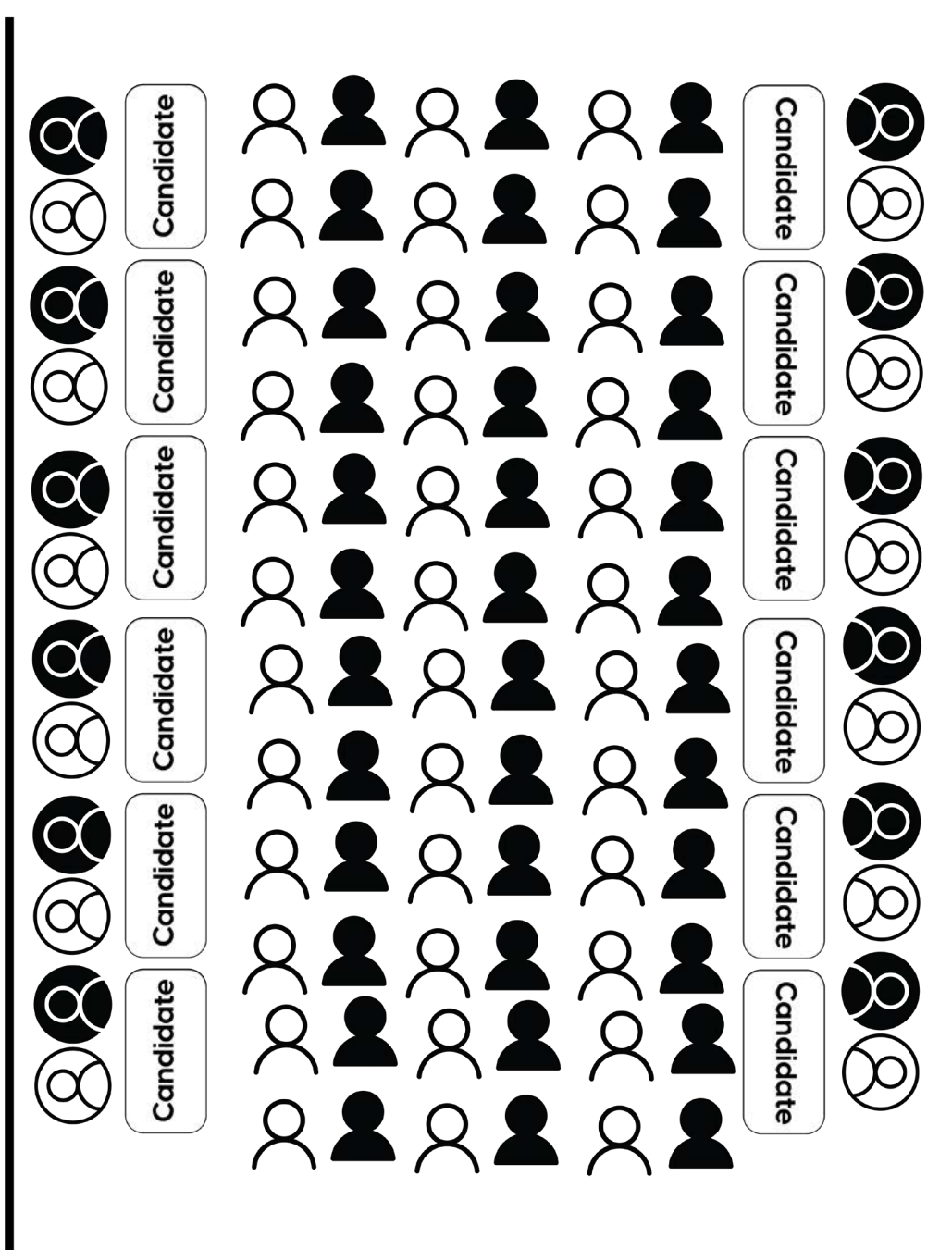
### RCW 29A.40.170 Ballot drop boxes.

- (1) The county auditor must prevent overflow of each ballot drop box to allow a voter to deposit his or her ballot securely. Ballots must be removed from a ballot drop box by at least two people, with a record kept of the date and time ballots were removed, and the names of people removing them. Ballots from drop boxes must be returned to the counting center in secured transport containers. A copy of the record must be placed in the container, and one copy must be transported with the ballots to the counting center, where the seal number must be verified by the county auditor or a designated representative. All ballot drop boxes must be secured at 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary, special election, or general election.
- (2) The county auditor must establish a minimum of one ballot drop box per fifteen thousand registered voters in the county and a minimum of one ballot drop box in each city, town, and census-designated place in the county with a post office.
- (3) At the request of a federally recognized Indian tribe with a reservation in the county, the county auditor must establish at least one ballot drop box on the Indian reservation on a site selected by the tribe that is accessible to the county auditor by a public road.
- (4) A federally recognized Indian tribe may designate at least one building as a ballot pickup and collection location at no cost to the tribe. The designated building must be accessible to the county auditor by a public road. The county auditor of the county in which the building is located must collect ballots from that location in compliance with the procedures in subsection (1) of this section.



Often, the greatest struggle in people voting is knowing who they are voting for. Hosting a "Meet & Greet" event is an excellent way for your congregation to meet all the candidates running for office. Invite Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and non-partisan candidates.

Here is what we have seen or done. We place tables in the foyer, and all candidates are invited. The candidates set up their table. The church and the public are welcome to come for about two hours. People get to talk to the candidates in order to find out their values and priorities.





## Action #7: Encourage Congregants to Run for Office

**CALLING:** Ask people to hear from God. Being in office is a calling.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Identity is in Christ Jesus
- Pursuer of truth
- Courageously bold
- Principle Based Decision Making
- Walks in Godliness
- Lives out righteousness
- Loves people but not a lover of people
- Joy of the Lord is their strength
- Pursues peace but not at the expense of principle
- Gentleness like a lion
- Kindness like a lamb
- Patience with the muck
- Perseverance under false allegations
- Meekness with boldness
- Humility with confidence in God
- Self-control when praised and bribed
- Compassion for the vulnerable
- Thankfulness for living
- Forgiveness
- Contentment
- Unity but not uniformity

**TEAM:** Pray for a team.

**HELPFUL WEBSITES:**

Washington State:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections#candidates>

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates-campaigns/filing-resources/file-office>

County: Search For Your County's Website –

For example: Spokane County Elections Website

Public Disclosure Commission:

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov>

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/candidates>

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement>

<https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/guidelines-restrictions>



## Action #8: Train Elected Officials on Moral Behavior

- Alertness vs. Unawareness (Mark 14:38)
- Attentiveness vs. Unconcern (Hebrews 2:1)
- Availability vs. Self-centeredness (Philippians 2:20–21)
- Boldness vs. Fearfulness (Acts 4:29)
- Cautiousness vs. Rashness (Proverbs 19:2)
- Compassion vs. Indifference (I John 3:17)
- Contentment vs. Covetousness (I Timothy 6:8)
- Creativity vs. Underachievement (Romans 12:2)
- Decisiveness vs. Double-mindedness (James 1:5)
- Deference vs. Rudeness (Romans 14:21)
- Dependability vs. Inconsistency (Psalm 15:4)
- Determination vs. Faint-heartedness (II Timothy 4:7–8)
- Diligence vs. Slothfulness (Colossians 3:23)
- Discernment vs. Judgment (I Samuel 16:7)
- Discretion vs. Simple-mindedness (Proverbs 22:3)
- Endurance vs. Giving up (Galatians 6:9)
- Enthusiasm vs. Apathy (I Thessalonians 5:16, 19)
- Faith vs. Presumption (Hebrews 11:1)
- Flexibility vs. Resistance (Colossians 3:2)
- Forgiveness vs. Rejection (Ephesians 4:32)
- Generosity vs. Stinginess (II Corinthians 9:6)
- Gentleness vs. Harshness (I Thessalonians 2:7)
- Gratefulness vs. Unthankfulness (I Corinthians 4:7)
- Hospitality vs. Loneliness (Hebrews 13:2)
- Humility vs. Pride (James 4:6)
- Initiative vs. Unresponsiveness (Romans 12:21)
- Joyfulness vs. Self-pity (Psalm 16:11)
- Justice vs. Fairness (Micah 6:8)
- Love vs. Selfishness (I Corinthians 13:3)
- Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness (John 15:13)
- Meekness vs. Anger (Psalm 62:5)
- Obedience vs. Willfulness (II Corinthians 10:5)
- Orderliness vs. Disorganization (I Corinthians 14:40)
- Patience vs. Restlessness (Romans 5:3–4)
- Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness (II Timothy 2:24)
- Punctuality vs. Tardiness (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness (Luke 16:10)
- Responsibility vs. Unreliability (Romans 14:12)
- Reverence vs. Disrespect (Proverbs 23:17–18)
- Security vs. Anxiety (John 6:27)
- Self-Control vs. Self-indulgence (Galatians 5:24–25)
- Sensitivity vs. Callousness (Romans 12:15)
- Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy (I Peter 1:22)
- Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness (Proverbs 18:15)
- Thriftiness vs. Extravagance (Luke 16:11)
- Tolerance vs. Prejudice (Philippians 2:2)
- Truthfulness vs. Deception (Ephesians 4:25)
- Virtue vs. Impurity (II Peter 1:3)
- Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations (Proverbs 9:10)

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- Parental Rights
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