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## DEFEND & ADVANCE

BIBLICAL VALUES IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

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**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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# 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.

**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

Senate Representatives

Executives

**As I engage,  
so too shall I  
encourage my  
church  
to advance biblical  
values in the  
PUBLIC SQUARE.**

**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/>

# 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.

**Option #1:** Simply remind your congregation to turn in their ballot. (Verbal Announcement Written Announcement (Email, text, or slides)

**Option #2:** Host a voter registration table  
Have a place in your foyer for people to register to vote.

**Option #3:** Encourage families to vote together  
Ask families to take the stewardship of their civil duty seriously and to make sure everyone in their family votes.

**Option #4:** Bring your ballot to church Sunday  
Have everyone bring their ballot to church and pray over their vote.

**Option #5:** Turn your ballot in at church. Have a legally available voter box at your church.

**Option #6:** Have all candidates come to church for a special blessing  
Pray over those who are running

**Option #7:** Meet & Greets  
Host a special time for your congregation to meet and talk with all candidates running for office.

**Option #8:** Pastors Picks or Public Square Ministry Picks  
This one can get a little messy - DO NOT HAVE YOUR BOARD PICK - DO NOT PUT IT IN MINUTES.  
However, pastors and others in the congregation do not lose their freedom of speech if they want to suggest candidates.

**Option #9:** Schools  
Have a time of prayer over your local school boards.

**Option #10:** Culture Information Night  
Have a night that you educate your congregation on cultural issues and where each candidate stands on each issue.

**DEFENDER  
CHURCHES  
Educate their  
congregants on  
candidates and  
encourage their  
congregants to vote.**

# DEFENDERS SIGN

## DEFENDERS SIGN

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

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

In 1912, Washington became one of the first states to adopt the initiative and referendum process, thus securing the rights of citizens to make and remake their laws directly, and to provide a check over the decisions of their Legislature.

Our elected officials are charged with representing diverse constituencies, deliberating and making laws in what is known as a representative democracy. Initiatives and referendum provide an opportunity for the voters of Washington State to make laws directly, often called direct democracy. Initiatives and referendum each take two forms:

### Types of Initiatives & Referenda

**Initiatives to the People**, if certified to have sufficient signatures, are submitted for a vote of the people at the next state general election.

**Initiatives to the Legislature**, if certified, are submitted to the Legislature at its next regular session in January. Once submitted, the Legislature must take one of the following three actions.

1. Adopts and passes the legislation as is
2. Offers an alternative piece of legislation
3. Takes no action

**Referendum Measures** are laws recently passed by the Legislature that are placed on the ballot because of petitions signed by voters.

**Referendum Bills** are proposed laws referred to the voters by the Legislature.

Source: <https://www2.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/>

**DEFENDER  
CHURCHES  
Allow Initiatives  
and Referendums  
that address a  
biblical worldview  
to be signed in their  
church.**



# DEFENDERS ENGAGE

## 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).

**Option #1:** Teach Congregants to register their Position

Get Your Position on a Bill Noted for Legislative Record

If you wish, you could choose to have your position noted. The Committee Sign In - Remote Testimony page also allows you to select a chamber, committee, and bill, then indicate you wish to have your position noted for the archived legislative record. Follow the simple Steps at <https://fpiw.org/defenders-in-action/>

**Option #2:** Teach Congregants to testify in committee

Testifying in a Committee Hearing

During the Legislative Session, you can register to testify in a virtual committee hearing either in person or remotely through Zoom in a similar manner as you would on campus. If you frequently testify on bills, you may find it useful to create a Legislative Account

Steps at <https://fpiw.org/defenders-in-action/>

**Option #3:** Teach Congregants to submit their position.

Submitting Written Testimony to a Committee

If you do not wish to testify in a committee hearing, you can still submit written testimony on a bill for the archived legislative record. Steps at <https://fpiw.org/defenders-in-action/>

**Option #4:** Facilitate a small group

Educate your congregants to be actively informed on the cultural war. <https://fpiw.org/public-square-ministry/>

**Option #5:** Start a public Square ministry in your church..

**DEFENDER  
CHURCHES  
Encourage their  
congregants to start  
a public square  
ministry and to raise  
up DEFENDERS.**

# PUBLIC SQUARE MINISTRY

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**OUR EVERGREEN STATE**  
needs you to protect:

- Life
- Marriage
- Parental Rights
- Religious Liberty

**We are stronger with one voice.**

**Join the Team.**  
**Become a DEFENDER today.**

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