



## Faithful Civic Participation

A MacLaurin Reading and Study Group

**Book:** *Political Visions and Illusions: A Survey and Christian Critique of Contemporary Ideologies* (InterVarsity Press, 2003), by David T. Koyzis

**Thursdays:** April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20. 7pm.

**Location:** TBD

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Embedded in our collected *political* life, David Koyzis argues, are often some very basic religious commitments, and each of them bring with them certain assumptions about the way things are—our most basic perceptions about the nature of reality, individuals, community, justice, and the common good. For the student of modern political thought, understanding (and differentiating) the visions and illusions of modern political ideologies is quite a task. In this reading and study group, participants will unpack the key political ideologies of our era using Koyzis as a guide. Some of the questions that will be considered are:

- How and when does a worldview become an illusion about reality?
- Is the role of the state to do justice? and how?
- What does meaningful Christian political participation look like?
- Do alternative models flowing from faith traditions have the ability to transcend ideological gridlock?
- What does it mean for the state to be a *differentiated* political institution?

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