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*Cardus Forecast:
Analyzing Canada's Troubled Public Square*

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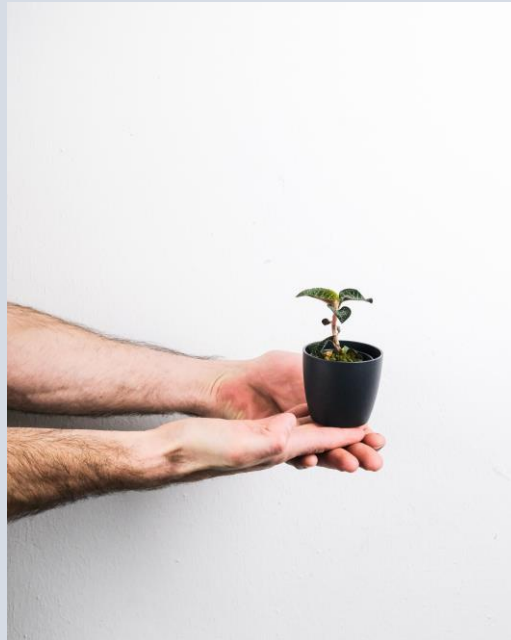


Preliminaries

Dignity



Flourishing



Common Good



(David's army) included...

“Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do,...”

1 Chronicles 12:32 (ESV)

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FIVE QUESTIONS

- Is there a Canadian Identity?
- Can our institutions handle Canada's challenges?
- What external factors will affect Canada?
- What are some go-forward questions for reflection?
- The Calling and Opportunity of Christian leadership?

Is There a Canadian Identity

“Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law...”

Preamble Charter of Rights and Freedoms

“It shall be lawful for the Queen....to make Laws for the Peace, Order and good Government of Canada....”

Section 91 of the Constitution Act 1867

“There is no identity, no mainstream in Canada. There are shared values.....those qualities are what makes us the first post-national state.”

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to NYTimes December 8, 2015

Gusting Winds

- Individual or Group?
- Changing Political Identities
- Demographic Shifts
 - Ability to Integrate Immigration
 - Faith Composition
 - Diaspora Politics

What's Happening with Shifting Politics?

- The right-left divide
- The regional divide
- The demographic divide

Are our Institutions up to the Job?



Modern Monetary Theory

Are our Institutions up to the Job?

- Challenge of K-12 Education
- Challenge of Post-Secondary
- Challenge of Work Readiness

External Factors to Pay Attention To

LIVE UPDATES

Israel hammers Gaza with airstrikes as Hamas' atrocities revealed



B.C. port workers concern over supply chain,

U.S. State Department warns of India-related disinformation attacks in Canada

Pushing Russia 'towards nuclear weapons by arming Ukraine, Belarus leader says

ions will shape

people flee after

glob

External Factors to Pay Attention To



Finding the Right Metaphor

- Strangers / Exiles
- Remnant
- Pilgrims
- Soldiers
- Ambassadors



Go Forward Questions for Reflection

- Focus on the Basics
- Rediscover Solidarity
- Dream Big
- Manage the Pendulum Swings
- Model Christian Leadership

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“...the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant.”

Max DePree

Leadership is an Art

Thank you

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