

The Life and Impact of William Wilberforce

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. In your own words, what is the main lesson arising for Christians today from the life of William Wilberforce?
2. How was all of England affected by Wilberforce's lifelong efforts to end the slave trade, and eventually slavery itself?
3. Suppose Wilberforce had resigned from Parliament soon after becoming a believer. What would England, and the world, have lost?
4. How was the gospel advanced by Wilberforce's efforts, even though his work did not focus narrowly on preaching the gospel itself?
5. Consider the idea that there is no arena over which God does not have jurisdiction. In practical terms, what kinds of things does this truth mean for a Christian in his or her everyday life?
6. Why do some say that preachers and even all Christians should stay out of politics? What does the life of William Wilberforce teach us about this idea?
7. In what kind of work are you regularly engaged? How can you glorify God in that work?
8. What can you do to influence public policy for the glory of God?