Truth 1 | Built on the Rock

America was founded by people who held to a comprehensive biblical worldview.

1. Were you surprised by all the evidence showing how profoundly Christian most of America's founders were? How much of this had you already been exposed to in high school or college?

2. Do you believe that America was in some way created by God Himself, or rather that it was just formed by the good intentions of some of His followers? What did the founders say about America's birth? Why?

3. How did a Christian worldview lead the founders to adopt the structure of federal government that America still enjoys today? Why is it important for each branch to hold separate powers?

Truth 2 | A Nation Adrift

In the late 1800s, America began a long journey away from its founding beliefs and principles.

1. Why did John Adams say that "our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other"? Where does that leave us today?

2. What happens when law becomes based merely on precedent and on society's current notions of right and wrong rather than on biblical principles and the law of nature? When you read about a trial in the news today, how much difference do you detect between what is deemed legal and what is morally right or just?

3. Why do you think it is in vogue today to hate America? How much of it is a response to America's religious roots, and how much of it is a reaction to the nation's drift away from Christian principles?

Christians must not abandon America but rather pray and work hard for a return to biblical roots.

1. Is it *necessary* for a nation to go through the cycle of being blessed by God, then forgetting Him, enduring His judgment, and finally repenting so as to be blessed again? What hopes, if any, do you have that America might return full-circle to its roots? If you are an American, what can you do toward that end?

2. How would you describe the church's impact on American culture today? Have Christians lost their ability to be a preserving "salt" in the world? A light in the darkness? If so, what must we do to regain influence in our multicultural society?

3. Do you have a heart for America? A passion for the ideals on which it was founded? How might you, or your friends, have been influenced by those who view America with disdain? How do you think God feels about this nation today?

Wrap-Up

Today, America has largely forgotten God and denied the validity of her biblical roots. As a result, we see the power of the state expanding. This is a manifestation of the perennial cosmic battle, which is fought most fiercely in the social realm.

Ultimately, we must face the fact that the American Experiment is likely to fail altogether if we do not take intentional and deliberate steps to salvage it. Just as the experiment was instigated by Christians, so it must be carried on by believers who care deeply and passionately about their country.