

# AMERICANITY



Week One | Two Kingdoms but One King | 05.14-15.2022

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Series Recap:** It seems like everything has become political, even Christianity. What was once loyalty to Jesus and his kingdom has become a mash-up of that and putting our faith in the nation of America. When we splice the two together, America and Christianity have become Americanity. So, how we can work for the good of our nation without worshiping our nation?

## » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

## » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: In what ways do Americans feed their perspective?
- Digging Deeper: What inputs are helping point you to not just believing but behaving like a Jesus follower?

## » Observation | Read Matthew 6:19-24

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

## » Key Principle | Biblical Christians make Jesus the fixture, not a feature in their lives.

(12 minutes)

- Do you see leadership more clearly from a political perspective, or from Jesus' perspective?
- What hinders you from believing that God will use the current political climate for good? What encourages it?

## » Don't Rot Your Future | Read Mark 6:19-21, Proverbs 2:1-8, 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

(12 minutes)

- Compare worldly and Biblical treasures. How does that encourage a focus on Jesus and away from materialism?
- How does imagination help focus "this light momentary affliction" compared to the unseen, eternal treasures awaiting us?

## » Look Carefully | Reread Matthew 6:22,23, Psalms 34:4-10, Jeremiah 29:11-14

(12 minutes)

- Is it possible to look for God's goodness and still be absorbed in the darkness of our days? Why or why not?
- How is our world like an exile for believers? How does that increase the desire to seek God?

## » Pick One Master | Reread Matthew 6:24, Jeremiah 27:4-5, Daniel 2:20-22, John 13:12-17

(12 minutes)

- Based on Jeremiah and Daniel's words, how should believers view worldly political leaders?
- Would you say that Americans are serving money, politics, and God or being served by them? Why?

## » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- How is God calling you to give up counterfeit masters in your life right now? Be specific. How can you help each other?
- Close by praying for one another to recognize that following Jesus requires acting like Jesus and for the strength to follow Him.