

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Foundational Practice: Embracing the Gospel

Embracing the Gospel is at a point in time and over time. We trust Christ as our Savior and Lord for eternity and for today. Daily, we are learning how to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.(Colossians 2:6-7). This week, we will hear about our collective need as a people to embrace the gospel. In what ways have you seen your family, community, or even our country collectively embrace the gospel? In what ways have you seen it rejected?

1. **Read Joshua 6:21, Numbers 33:50-53, and Deuteronomy 7:1-6.** What stood out to you from the teaching?
2. How under emphasized or over emphasized has the character trait of God as The Righteous Judge been in your relationship with Him? How would you describe and/or characterize the life of one who has a Biblical understanding of God as The Righteous Judge? How can developing a Biblical understanding of God as The Righteous Judge be a gift to you?
3. The sermon highlighted two characteristics present in nations which grieve the heart of God. What were they? Based upon those two characteristics, would God say the United States is guiltless or guilty of these transgressions? How does this confront one's nationalistic ideals and values? Are there sins of omission or commission you need to confess and repent of around these areas?

“Trust the nature and character of God
when things don't make sense.”

-MIKE SLAYDEN

4. **Read Daniel 9.** Describe the nature of God in Daniel's prayer. Daniel interceded and repented on behalf of his nation due to his grief on behalf of their sin even though he wasn't alive for many of those transgressions. How is his example germane for you today?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

- Describe how the value of Jesus and the gospel has been renewed and elevated for you in light of focusing on God as The Righteous Judge.
- Take time as a group to pray a prayer of repentance for our country's transgressions.