

Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: Under God: One Nation Under God

INTRODUCTION

How do you react or respond when you hear the phrase “One nation under God”? A person can have dual citizenship in the world today. This occurs when a person is legally and officially recognized as a citizen of two separate nations. As followers of Jesus Christ, we’ve been granted dual citizenship in a spiritual sense. We live here on earth and are citizens of an earthly nation, yet we’re also citizens of God’s kingdom because we’ve been born again into the kingdom of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Our citizenship in heaven dramatically impacts our citizenship on earth.

1. The Marks of Nation Under God
 - A. A Unique Nation - 1 Sam 8:19-20
 - B. A Godly Dependence - Daniel 4:3
 - C. A Godly Order -

The closer God is to a society, the more ordered the society will be. The further God is from society, the more chaotic society will be. So if you want an ordered society, keep God close.

How do we keep God close in today’s society?

What entities, ideas, or values in our society are actively working to push God away?

How would you summarize the role of government in relation to God’s kingdom agenda?

2. The History of America Under God

As we recounted some of the Christian history of our nation what surprised you?

3. A Call to Unite and Return Daniel 4-5

- A. Understand there is a greater kingdom -
- B. Have a passion to promote a godly solution - II Chronicles 7:14
- C. Be courageous & courteous to speak truth -
- D. Have hope

To be a Christian living in a particular nation doesn’t mean isolating yourself from the political or governmental processes of that nation—quite the contrary. As citizens of both God’s kingdom and earthly nations, Christians are called to use every available resource when taking a stand for God’s values and plans.

APPLICATION

What steps can we take as Christians to advance God's kingdom through our culture and our country's political processes?

What about you personally? What is the next step you need to take in order to embrace God's design for your role in your nation?

PRAYER

Spend your closing prayer time praying for our national, state, and local leaders. Pray also for the Christians in our nation, that they would begin to take a deeper role and have a greater sense of responsibility to advance God's kingdom agenda.