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bigIdea small group discussion

In God We Trust. Or do we? It's our national motto. But is it still true? Let's challenge the nation to change our rhetoric and declare our Dependence Day—dependence on Almighty God—like King Solomon did. Like Abraham Lincoln did. Like our nation's founding fathers did. Recovery needs God's blessings and favor. *And blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

BIG IDEA: Recovery begins with a declaration of dependence.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Does the fact that declaring national dependence on God would offend some people make you uncomfortable? Would such a declaration offend you? Why or why not?
2. In what ways can you pray for our national leaders? Would you commit to doing so this week?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read Psalm 33:12.* Why is it so difficult for us to recognize a connection between dependence on God and national prosperity?
4. Is it frightening for you to admit personal dependence on God? Why?
5. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read James 4:6.* In what area of your life—finances, career, family—do you need to humble yourself before God and declare your dependence on him?
6. What first step toward personal recovery can you take this week?

MOVING FORWARD

Humility and repentance open the door to recovery. What can you do this week to acknowledge dependence on God in areas of your life in which you struggle to maintain control?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble and oppressed." James 4:6b

