



## Week 1

What an incredible first night! We are thrilled with the excitement and energy to pursue truth and take this journey through American History with you.

The book we used the most to prepare for Week One's teaching was "[God and Government: A Biblical and Historical Study \(Volume 1\)](#)". The three volume text, as well as this first volume, is up for raffle in the lobby each week.

If you're interested in learning more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Eric Metaxas has written an excellent biography, "[Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy](#)". He also has a [student edition](#) that would be great for middle school students, and even us adults who have shorter attention spans!

Adam mentioned Richard Wurmbrand, a Christian pastor and evangelist who was well known for smuggling Bibles into communist Russia. For more information on Wurmbrand and to get information on a movie about his life, check out this [Voice of the Martyrs](#) site.

We recommend this 5-minute video on PragerU's website, "[The American Trinity: The Three Values that Make America Great](#)". PragerU is full of very informative and well done 5-minute videos on topics from politics, religion and American culture.

The Golden Triangle of Freedom is the definition of self-government, the foundation of America's founding. Here is an article from Os Guinness on [RZIM](#) that explains it in more detail. Eric Metaxas unpacks it during a [presentation](#) at the Falkirk Center.

Tytler's Cycle of Civilization is a way to put a filter over our history and to help put into perspective what we're seeing today. Here are some recommended articles for further reading:

[History's Warning that our Great Republic is At Risk](#)

[The Hayride: Southern Politics and Culture](#)

Do you have any questions about any of the content taught during Week One? Email Anne ([anne@calvarychatt.com](mailto:anne@calvarychatt.com)) or Adam ([adam@calvarychatt.com](mailto:adam@calvarychatt.com)) and we'd be glad to help you find the answer!

