

SMALL GROUP GROWTH GUIDE

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BIG IDEA: Seeing the Mission. When the World is in Chaos its Christ or Chaos. Six visions from Isaiah Pt3
Isaiah 6:1-13

BELONG

The battle for the hearts of men. Example—Do you squeeze the tooth paste from the end or the middle? When have you been in a battle, personally, relationally or ideologically? What did it take for you to engage in the battle and why?

GROW

1. The whole of scripture is God liberating people free from the bondage of sin, or the chaos. Dale shared a pattern of this that can be found throughout scripture. Creation, Fall, Initial Judgement, Decline, Final Judgement, Re-Creation. The examples were the creation account, Genesis 2-6 and the Exodus. God bringing his people out of Egypt (Creation of a nation) Fall (Kadesh and the 12 spies), Initial Judgement (back into the wilderness) Decline (40 years of wondering), Re-Creation (Conquest of Nations). Personal examples of this pattern can be seen in the lives of Joseph, Moses. What did the Exodus liberation do for God's people? What about other nations and peoples?
2. Contrast this with what you know of our own American history? What similarities if any exist? What did that lead to? Now compare that with the French revolution? Which foundation brought liberty and why?
3. How does the gospel of Christ lead to liberty, freedom when applied to civil government? What is the basis for it?
4. Since God is the foundation of true liberty or freedom, what are the results, (Numbers 15:41, Leviticus 25:55, Isaiah 43:21, Leviticus 11:45, Exodus 3:8. What about before sin entered into the world? After? Why is it so hard to keep or establish liberty?
5. We are unique as a nation in the liberties of our founding. Dale shared four was as Christians we go about fighting for and keeping them? We pray, proclaim, prepare, have pugnacity. How were they defined? Which ones cause you difficulty and why?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 and Ephesians 6:10-20. What must we remember about who and how we fight?
7. Read Proverbs 29:2. In our American context, if you think the wicked are now ruling, how does righteousness get elected to rule? Does the knowledge of the gospel and liberties foundation inform your civic responsibility in voting? Why or why not?

REACH

What is our Christian responsibility to live out in all of the chaos?