



**FOR FURTHER REFLECTION**

## **CHAPTER 1: The Beginning of the End**

1. Do you agree or disagree with the author's premise that America's collapse is inevitable? Why or why not?
2. Of the three "explosions" that have weakened our nation's spiritual infrastructure, which do you think is most serious? Why?
3. Most Bible scholars agree that America is not referenced in the book of Revelation. Why do you think that is?
4. Should government give preferential treatment to Christianity? Suppose that you had a choice between having representatives of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam voice a prayer at graduation on a rotating basis each year, or having no prayer at all. Which would you choose? Why?
5. Do you believe that God will condemn America for its tolerance of other faiths as He did Israel? Why or why not?
6. Do you believe that abortion is ever justified? What about cases that involve rape, incest, or the protection of the mother's life? Should Christians be willing to compromise on this issue in order to outlaw most abortions, or should they refuse to support legislation that allows for abortions in any circumstances?
7. Since conservatives typically believe in limited government, why should they attempt to outlaw homosexual marriage? Should homosexual acts between adults be outlawed? If your answer is yes, should government also outlaw adultery and premarital sex? Why or why not?

## **CHAPTER 2: When a Nation Implodes**

1. What role should Christians play in trying to change the culture?
2. How would you respond to the comment, "You can't legislate morality"?

3. Do you agree with the author's premise that Christians can "buy more time" for our nation and actually delay God's judgment upon our country? Why or why not?
4. Which is easier for a church to focus on: pushing back against evil ("salt") or sharing the gospel of Christ ("light")? Why?
5. Is the church you attend more focused on being "salt" or "light"? Which focus is most important for a church? Why?
6. What is your personal strategy for sharing Christ with other people? What could you do to become more intentional in that focus?
7. Why do you think Christians are reluctant to become actively involved in standing up against evil in our culture? What are some practical ways you could act as "salt" in your sphere of influence?

### **CHAPTER 3: The Most Misunderstood Word in America**

1. Why do you think tolerance is so exalted in our culture today?
2. Do you agree with the way the author defines tolerance? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Christians have embraced what the author terms "pseudotolerance"?
4. Which aspect of "true tolerance" do you think Christians have most difficulty accepting: permitting different points of view with which they disagree or showing respect to the person with whom they disagree?
5. Are conservative Christians as intolerant as their critics claim? What, if anything, do you think Christians should do to change their image?

6. The author demonstrates that our Founding Fathers displayed a strong preference for Christianity while being tolerant of other religious beliefs. Do you think it is preferable or possible for our government to attempt that same balance today? Why or why not?
7. How has this chapter changed your understanding of tolerance? What changes could you make in your life to demonstrate true tolerance?

#### **CHAPTER 4: How a Christian Should Vote**

1. Why do you think so many Christians fail to vote? Should churches actively promote voter registration? What are the dangers of doing so?
2. Should Christians attempt to exert control over the behavior of non-Christians in society? Why or why not?
3. How important is a candidate's religious faith to you? How can voters determine whether a candidate is a believer or not?
4. Would you ever vote for a Muslim for political office? What about an atheist? Why or why not?
5. Should an elected official allow his personal religious beliefs to affect his policies? Should a judge ever allow his personal religious beliefs to affect his ruling? Why or why not?
6. What controversial political issues do you believe the Bible clearly addresses? On what controversial issues do you believe Christians could legitimately disagree?
7. How would you respond to a Christian who said, "We don't need to be involved in the political process. After all, the Bible says 'our citizenship is in heaven'"?

## **CHAPTER 5: For Pastors Only**

1. Do you agree with the author's assertion that many Christians have devalued the importance of the local church? If so, why?
2. Of the various functions of the local church, which do you think is most important? Why?
3. Do you agree or disagree with the belief that pastors are no more "called by God" to their vocation than a plumber is to his vocation? Why or why not?
4. Do you agree that no church will fulfill its mission without its pastor fulfilling his calling as preacher, prophet, and evangelist? Why or why not?
5. Which of the three roles of the pastor (preacher, prophet, evangelist) do you think pastors find most difficult? Which do they find easiest? Why? What do you think laymen should do to encourage their pastor to fulfill each of these roles?
6. Suppose two candidates were running for mayor of your city: a strong Christian and an openly gay unbeliever. Should your pastor encourage the congregation to support the Christian candidate or should he remain quiet? Why?
7. What priority should evangelism have in a church? On a scale of 1 to 10, how effective is your church in sharing the gospel with unbelievers in your community? In what practical ways could your church improve its evangelistic outreach into your community?

## **CHAPTER 6: When Persecution Comes**

1. Do you believe Christians in America will ever suffer the same kind of persecution for their faith that other believers around the world have experienced? Why or why not?

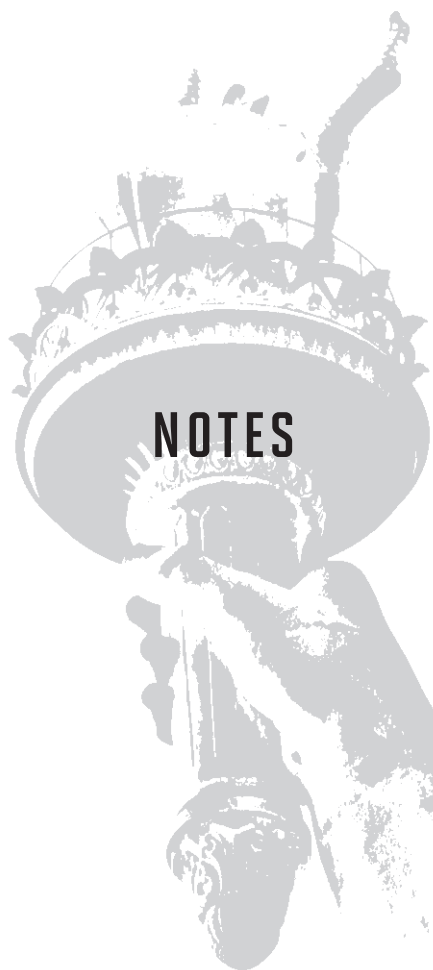
2. Why do you think God has spared believers in America from physical persecution up to this point in time?
3. Describe other types of persecution that Christians in America may experience for their faith. Do you think these kinds of trials are comparable to physical suffering? Why or why not?
4. Relate an experience in your own life in which a particular trial was profitable. If you knew then what you know now, would you have chosen to endure that experience if you had been given a choice? Why or why not?
5. Do you think suffering tends to drive Christians closer to God or further away from God? What can a Christian do to make sure the former rather than the latter happens when he encounters trials?
6. What do you think is the most important thing individual Christians and churches should be doing to prepare for persecution?
7. Imagine you are in heaven having a conversation with a good friend, reminiscing about the most difficult situation you ever experienced while on earth. Do you think you will have a different feeling about that situation than you do now? Why?

## **CHAPTER 7: Last-Days Living**

1. Do you believe we are living in the last days? Should Christians be concerned with the answer to that question? Why or why not?
2. If you knew that you only had one year to live, what changes would you make in your life?
3. Why do you think Christians are reluctant to take courageous stands regarding their faith?

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4. Do you believe there are any situations today in which Christians are justified in breaking the law? What are they? Would a Christian be justified in not paying his income tax, knowing that some of his money is being used to support abortions through Planned Parenthood? Why or why not?
5. Imagine you are standing before the judgment seat of Christ, as every believer will one day. What would God commend you for in your life? What do you imagine He would express disappointment over?
6. Up to this point, have you been living for the “dot” or for the “line”? What change could you make in your life right now that would make an eternal difference in your life and the lives of others?
7. What is the most important insight you have gained from this book?



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