

**Culture**  **Christianity**



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# Christian Nationalism

What Your Pastor Wants You to Know

Week 3



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- How to Experience Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- How to Grow in Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- How to Build Gospel \_\_\_\_\_



# Gospel Bridges

## Know People Who Don't Believe What You Do



# What we're asking God for

- Sometime in the **next 3 months**, can I have an awkward conversation about politics with someone that leads to a **deeper conversation about Jesus**?



# Gospel Peace

## Know What Jesus Says



# 1 Peter 3:9

Do not repay **evil with evil** or **insult with insult**. On the contrary, repay **evil with blessing**, because to this you were called....



# 1 Peter 3:15, 17-18

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.... <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.





# Gospel Wisdom Know About Some Troubling Trends



## Trend #1: Unhealthy Assumptions

- “Everything that is called Christian really is Christian.”
- “Everything that is called Christian nationalism really is Christian nationalism.”



# Trend #2: Overgeneralization

- Defining Christian nationalism so broadly that it includes historic biblical understandings of cultural and political engagement
- “Guilt by association”

# Top 5 Predictors

1. Political Conservatism
2. 'Bible-Believing'
3. Bible=literal word of God
4. Bible=perfectly true, though not literally interpreted
5. Religiously "Affiliated"

# TAKING AMERICA BACK FOR GOD



CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM  
IN THE UNITED STATES

Andrew L. Whitehead and Samuel L. Perry

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# WHY AMERICA IS NOT A CHRISTIAN NATION

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MICHAEL HORTON



Pastoral  
*Paraklesis*















# My *Paraklesis* For You

Don't give up on confidence in Scripture

*Especially important for:*

- *People 45 and under*
- *People in positions of influence*



# My *Paraklesis* For You

Don't give up on Jesus as Lord

- Of all of life
- For the good of all people

*Especially important for:*

- *People afraid of Christian nationalism*
- *Politically/socially conservative people*



# My *Paraklesis* For You

Don't give up on your missionary calling

- Resentment is tempting
- But it is not redemptive

*Especially important for:*

- *People tempted to return “insult for insult”*
- *Misunderstood people struggling with “gentleness and respect”*



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