

# Grace & Government Follow Up Questions

Week 4: Isaiah 10:5-19 (Joshua 5:13-15)

*“The Sovereignty of God Over the Nations”*

## Regular Follow Up Questions

- 1) What truth about God did your heart most delight in?
- 2) Where did the gospel strengthen you?
- 3) What did the Lord convict you of?
- 4) What was your major application?
- 5) What new things have you learned in trying to live out your application?
- 6) How have your prayers been affected?

## Specific Follow Up Questions

- 1) The Assyrians were the same people that Jonah hated (Ninevah was their capital). They were known for their brutality towards neighboring peoples as well as their own. Is that the kind of nation that you'd think God would give victory in battle to? Why or why not?
- 2) We would normally think that God is always on Israel's side, so it's surprising to see God wield the Assyrians against Israel. However, because the Assyrians became proud in this, God eventually brought down the Assyrians as well (see 2 Kings 18-19 as an example). When you think about all these things, how do you answer the question, “Whose side is God on?”
- 3) What is the difference between “God is on America's side” and “America is on God's side?”
- 4) When you look at these examples of God building and destroying nations in Scripture, what are some of the reasons you see for God to raise up or bring down a country?
- 5) Joshua made the mistake of thinking that God had to be on his side or on Jericho's side. How do we make this same mistake when it comes to Republicans vs. Democrats?
- 6) Joshua proved that he wanted to be on the Lord's side by obeying God's instructions. How can we apply the same obedience and allegiance in our own personal lives?
- 7) Does either party in America seek to build the Kingdom of God first and foremost? (yes or no)
- 8) How can we, as believers, be radically committed to the cause of Christ while still participating in the democratic process as citizens of the country God has placed us in?