

“Is it Sinful to Love America”

Take-Home Truth: *God has and is blessing America in spite of our flaws.*

Christ-Connection: *The gospel of Christ is the revelation of God’s blessing on America.*

Hook: *(Ice-breaker question. Get the group talking!)*

1. *Share an experience/story/event that reveals the greatness of America past or present.*

Engage: *(Observe the passage and engage with the text)*

2. *Read Psalm 103:2 and 136:1. Give some thought to the Lord’s benefits and goodness especially regarding the history of America as Richard recounted. Discuss the connection you see between history and scripture.*

3. *How does the story of Squanto show God’s involvement in the beginnings of this nation? Discuss other ways God has revealed Himself to and through this nation.*

Reflect: *(Reflect upon the key take-aways from the sermon)*

4. *Richard shared about George Whitfield’s ministry in America. How is Whitfield’s message still relevant for today? (John 3:3; themes: gospel for common man; gospel for all nationalities)*

5. *How have you personally experienced God’s providence and favor upon this nation? These could be daily or miraculous events that you have experienced or witnessed.*

Respond: *(Apply the truths of God’s Word to your heart, affections, and actions)*

6. *Despite God’s blessings, America has flaws. Read Mark 14:3-9. In light of verse 8a, how can you contribute to our nation becoming a “city on a hill”?*