

THE FORGOTTEN COMMAND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION 6 – FREEDOM UNDER FIRE

Discussion Questions:

1. As Americans, we are blessed to have a form of government and a constitution that recognizes basic God-given freedoms for each of its citizens. Do you agree with the premise in Session 6 that those freedoms are being rapidly eroded? If so, what can Christians and churches do to slow or stop this erosion of freedom? If you don't believe our freedoms are in danger of being lost, what can Christians and churches do to make sure that they are never forfeited?
2. Without "naming names," have you witnessed individuals or groups who have demonstrated "pride" in their positions of leadership? In what way(s) did they demonstrate pride? What can Christ-followers (or churches) do to help those individuals (or groups) change their prideful attitudes?
3. When describing the "perseverance of God's people," several examples were given throughout history of how followers of God took a stand against ungodly governments (Daniel's three friends, the Apostles of Jesus and churches within Communist-controlled nations). While we do not currently live under a totalitarian and tyrannical form of government, what are some ways that you, your church or a group of churches in your community can address grievances you may have with local, state or national leaders in a Christ-like and biblical manner?
4. Many followers of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, have been, throughout human history, persecuted and even martyred for following the Lord. This may be the toughest question you will ever have to answer: Would you be willing to die for Jesus? What about if the lives of your family members were at stake or threatened?
5. What actions can you and/or your church take in order to demonstrate your trust in Jesus during challenging times? (Think in terms of financial challenges, times when you are falsely accused of wrong-doing, obstacles to your ministries, emotional stress, relationship challenges, etc.)

Personal Application:

Take time to pray for people who are living in countries where they do not have religious freedom. Pray that they will be able to advance the Gospel of Jesus in spite of their lack of freedom AND pray that you and all Christ-followers who are living in a free society will take advantage of our freedoms to advance the story of Christ's salvation.

