

Pillars: Ten Truths to Build Your Life On
Week 1 – Why This Series?
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Key Scriptures:

John 1:4-5

4 In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

Psalms 11:1-3

1 In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain.

2 For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows against the upright in heart.

3 When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Judges 21:25

25 In those days Israel had no king, and everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. From what sources do you get most of your information in the following areas and why are you drawn to these sources?
 - Current events?
 - Spiritual and moral beliefs?
 - Political and philosophical issues?

Ponderings:

2. Theology is the “logic of God” – the study of what we fundamentally believe about who God is, what He does, and why it matters. Have you ever stopped to consider that you are a *theologian*? Do you agree with the statement: “*The most important thing about your psychology is your theology?*” Discuss these implications...
3. Read Paul’s description of the “last days” in 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Realizing that the “last days” encompasses history from the cross to the second coming of Jesus, how are these descriptions/predictions coming true before our eyes today? How do Paul’s words to Timothy warn or instruct us on the importance of right thinking, leading to right living? Discuss...

4. Psalm 11:3 says, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Applying this to modern-day America, what foundations do you believe are being destroyed even in the midst of various improvements and advancements? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. Judges 21:25 describes Israel coming to a place of having no righteous leadership to guide them, and the result being “every man for himself” (“everyone did what was right in their own eyes”).

What parallels do you see in modern-day America?

Realizing that human political structures, while needed, can never offer ultimate solutions, what is the place of Christ-followers in the midst of moral/spiritual decay? Why is the Gospel so essential to the moral foundations of a culture? How are you participating as a force for the Gospel in the midst of it all? Discuss...

Why are our beliefs so impactful upon our behavior? Discuss...