

# USING THE LEADER'S GUIDE

This study packet offers a series of DVD teachings, a *Study Guide*, and a *Leader's Guide*. The guides are designed to help you derive the most benefit from viewing the DVD series. They are a means to help you along the way as you search to affirm truth about the role of the Word of God in governing our lives and our nation. While the *Study Guide* will lead you personally through a search of Biblical ideas that restore America's foundations of righteousness, the *Leader's Guide* is designed to facilitate a group study of the same. The study design should be useful in many settings: home groups, men's or women's clubs, Sunday morning or evening classes, Bible study groups, home school sessions, or even get-togethers with friends or neighbors.

## Preparing for the Series

- Pray that God will use this series in the lives of each participant in your group.
- Schedule a time and place to present the lesson.
- Be sure you have a *Study Guide* for each participant in the group. Have pens/pencils available for note-taking.
- Before each session, watch the DVD, following along with your *Guide* so that you are familiar with the presentation.
- For promotional materials, go to [www.PilgrimInstitute.org](http://www.PilgrimInstitute.org).

**Lessons** – Each lesson consists of the following sections:

**Leading Idea** – The Leading Idea states the thought which should remain with you as a result of studying the lesson.

**Leader Preparation** – Steps to complete advanced preparation for the lesson.

**Group Meeting** – Both the *Leader's Guide* and the *Study Guide* have three main sections:

- I. **Introduction** – This section includes Bible verses, quotes, or ideas to consider before watching the DVD.
- II. **DVD Notes** – Key statements or ideas from the DVD are included, with space for adding notes as the DVD is watched. The *Leader's Guide* provides additional notes directly from each DVD. This will assist to clarify material for the participants and to lead in the concluding discussion. The italicized phrases and notes are not included in the *Study Guide*.

**III. Thinking About It** – Three sections for bringing the lesson together have been identified:

- “For Reflection and Reasoning” – Questions are included for you to guide the reasoning of the participants and to assist in clarifying the ideas presented. Answers are given in the *Leader’s Guide* to all the questions in the **Thinking About It** section. These should provide adequate materials to facilitate a group study.
- “Digging Deeper” – This section is intended for the participant to complete further individual Biblical research which should confirm the ideas presented. As time permits, the individual research will be discussed in the next meeting. The Leader may wish to read through the questions with the participants.
- “Conclusion” – The participants are encouraged to summarize in a few sentences what they have learned in the lesson.

### Conducting the Sessions

- Read the lesson’s **Leading Idea** to the group.
- Begin the lesson using the instructions in **Introducing the Lesson**.
- At the conclusion of the DVD, ask if anyone needs to have any of the fill-in-the-blanks or notes for the **DVD Notes** section repeated.
- Go to Section **III. Concluding the Lesson** and follow the instructions. Begin working through the questions and answers. Guide the group discussion as is appropriate for each question. Be careful not to get *off* track and spend more time than is necessary on any one question. Encourage participants to write answers to the questions.
- If you have time, review the previous lessons **Digging Deeper** section. (Note: This will not apply to the **Introductory Session**.)
- As the session concludes, encourage the participants to complete the **Digging Deeper** section on their own prior to the next session. Tell the participants that if time permits in the next session, you will have a discussion of the answers and thoughts in this lesson’s **Digging Deeper** section.

Thank you for your service in helping to restore the Biblical foundations of this nation.  
May the Lord richly bless, encourage, and equip you in this undertaking.