

Series: Topical Passage:

**Title:** The Bible in America- Saint Patrick **Speaker:** Dr. William Federer, 3/12/2023

**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the new insights you were able to gain from Dr. William Federer's message "The Bible in America"?

- 1. When we look back at all the recorded history dating back around 6,000 years, including secular and not secular, what was the most common form of government?
- 2. Who was the first one to appoint himself a leader over a large group of people in the Bible? Read Genesis 10:8-12, 11:1-9. What do learn from these passages that points to be the most common way leaders of all nations have desired to rule over people? What is the one common denominator of them all?
- 3. What are some of the reasons people might want to have a king over them? What did Jesus say was different in the kingdom He was setting up on earth? Read Luke 22:25-27. What type of government does Jesus' Kingdom point to?
- 4. What are some of the key things that happened in England as it relates to the Bible and how did this progress into the foundation of government in our nation today?
- 5. What unique event happened to the separatist pilgrims that caused them to write the Mayflower Compact? In what way do you see yourself as a pilgrim in the world we live in today?
- 6. Describe the differences in this new model of government called the congregational model as compared to the existing hierarchal model of government that existed in England?
- 7. Who is Thomas Hooker and what role did he have in the foundation of our nation?
- 8. What part of the bible of the bible was used by the leaders of the 13 States of the American Union to develop the foundation of our Constitution? What were the ten key differences in this government as compared to England? What three things were essential for this type of government to succeed?

## **Saint Patrick**

- 9. What were some of the things you learned about Saint Patrick that you did not know before?
- 10. Read Romans 10:10-15. We see in the life of Saint Patrick the power of God being used build His Kingdom. How has his story inspired you to be used to participate in the building of God's Kingdom?
- 11. What are some of the character attributes you see demonstrated in the life of Saint Patrick that you would like to grow in as a Christian?
- 12. What are some of the things you have learned from either or both of these messages to better share the Gospel and God's truth in this political environment we live in today?