INTRODUCTION

1. When’s the last time you had to decide if you or your family would participate in something that was led and organized by people whose beliefs were different than your own?
2. What’s your first impression when meeting someone whose beliefs are different from your own?
3. Do you have friends and family who have different political beliefs than you?
4. If you attend church, does your church include people with divergent political beliefs? Why or why not?

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND FOURTH OF JULY CHURCH IN DALLAS, TEXAS

1. Have you been to church on Fourth of July weekend? What was it like?
2. Do you think churches should have American flags on the altar? Why or why not?
3. What surprised you about the author’s experience at Prestonwood Baptist?
4. Would you say the Pledge of Allegiance in church? Why or why not?

HE WILL SAVE THE SUPREME COURT: ABORTION

1. Do you consider yourself pro-choice or pro-life? Why?
2. Do you find the above terms limiting?
3. If you’re a Christian or a person of faith, what has your faith tradition taught you about abortion?
4. Do you agree or disagree with what you’ve learned from your faith tradition?
GOD AND GUNS
1 Do you think guns should be allowed in churches? Why or why not?
2 What’s your personal experience with guns?
3 What do you think the Bible teaches about guns?
4 Why do you think the River Church pastors would advertise that they were carrying guns? What about the River incited fear?

BIBLES AND BOOB JOBS: THE MONEY AND INFLUENCE OF ORANGE COUNTY CHRISTIANS
1 What did you learn about Christianity in Southern California that surprised you?
2 How do you think Southern Californian Christians influenced Evangelicals in the rest of the country?
3 Why do you think people thought Pastor Wes was part of the grounds crew or cafe staff? How do you think that made him feel?
4 What was your impression of Pastor Tammy? How do you think her husband feels about her ministry and how it diverges from traditional Southern Baptist teaching?

YOUNG, FREE-THINKING, AND PRO-TRUMP: MIDWESTERN FARM FAMILIES IN RURAL MISSOURI
1 What were your impressions of the rural Midwest before reading this chapter?
2 Were you surprised that these Trump voters seemed to detach their faith from their politics? How did they differ from Evangelical Trump voters?
3 Do you think it was hard for the Cole Camp youth to bring together the speakers they heard at the Youth Gathering with their experience in small-town Missouri? Why or why not?
4 Where did you experience hope in reading this chapter on rural Missouri?

WINNERS AND LOSERS: TRUMP, SPORTS, AND CHRISTIANITY
1 Did you know prior to reading this book how closely tied football and Evangelical Christianity are? What do you think about their close connection?
2 Did reading this chapter change the way you felt about the NFL anthem protests? Why or why not?
3 Why do you think Coach Kramer said he hasn’t read the news in over a year? Do you think there are a lot of Evangelical Trump voters like him? How might that influence future elections?
4 Why do you think Coach Weatherbie identified with Trump?
THE EVANGELICAL INTELLIGENTSIA: WHAT ABOUT “ESTABLISHMENT” CHRISTIANS?

1. Do you think that many Evangelicals were part of the Never Trump movement? Why or why not?
2. Do you think Republican establishment support of Trump and Evangelical support of Trump are closely tied together? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Brad Todd came around to support Trump despite calling him a “flimflammer”?
4. Why do you think Steve Larkin said that, as an establishment Republican, he had no respect in Washington anymore?

EVANGELICAL WOMEN AND DONALD TRUMP: WHO’S GRABBING WHOM?

1. What do you think Evangelicals thought of the incident on the bus with Billy Bush?
2. Why didn’t Trump’s denigration of women influence Evangelical women not to vote for him?
3. What role did complementarianism and purity theology have in Evangelicals’ support of Trump despite his sexist behavior?
4. Do you think Beth Moore is influencing Christian conservatives? Why or why not?

LESS CONSERVATIVE, MORE CONSEQUENTIAL: RURAL RUST BELT RED STATE CHRISTIANS IN APPALACHIA AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

1. What did you think about Rust Belt Trump voters before reading this chapter?
2. How were the Altoona and Central Pennsylvania voters similar to the rural Midwestern farmers in Missouri in chapter 5? How were they different?
3. What role do you think the opioid epidemic played in Rust Belt Christians’ support of Trump?
4. How was the Rust Belt voters’ patriotism and support of Trump different from the Christian nationalism at Prestonwood Baptist?
CONSERVATIVE CATHOLICS: BUILDING A NEW AMERICAN KINGDOM AND DEFYING THE POPE

1 Why do you think so many Catholics supported Trump despite Catholics in the past being reliably Democrat? What changed?
2 Why do you think Trump convinced so many Catholics in his conversion from Pro-Choice to Pro-Life?
3 What was your impression of Thomas More College?
4 What about New Hampshire made it a place for Trump to win the Republican primary overwhelmingly, despite being part of liberal New England?

RED-STATE ARABS: CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, AND EVANGELICALS IN HOUSTON

1 What struck you about Houston’s many faith communities and how Hurricane Harvey brought them together?
2 What surprised you about the Arab Christians of Houston?
3 What surprised you about Houston’s large Muslim community?
4 Do you think Arab Christians have regretted their support of Trump? Why or why not?

ON THE BORDER: DONALD TRUMP AND LATINX CHRISTIANS

1 Do you think more Latinx Christians would support Trump if it wasn’t for his positions on immigration?
2 Why do you think so many people who are of Mexican or other Hispanic origin sign up for the Border Patrol?
3 How has Trump’s immigration policy impacted the city of El Paso?
4 What surprised you to learn about immigration and about Mexico in this chapter?

CONCLUSION

1 What questions do you have after reading this book?
2 What changes might you consider in your life after reading this book?
3 What conversations and with whom are you inspired to have after reading this book?
4 What surprised you the most in Red State Christians?