



“Proclaim Liberty” Discussion Guide Introduction

The Constitution of the United States of America created an environment for the establishment and growth of the most prosperous and free society that has ever existed in history. As we read American history, we see the tremendous sacrifices that were made to win American independence and establish a government of the people. How do we ensure that we can hold on to that freedom for which so dear a price was paid? The purpose of Part One of this discussion guide is to learn the principles of liberty upon which the Constitution is established. Then, in Part Two, we learn how the Constitution was designed to protect our freedom, peace, and prosperity.

This discussion guide is designed to be interactive. In this study group, there will not be a teacher. One individual will serve as a facilitator. Your facilitator will ensure that arrangements are made for a time and place to meet and will complete any other necessary preparations. When it is time to meet together, you will simply open the discussion guide and proceed according to the directions given. It is encouraged that, as a group, you make every effort to ensure that each member of the group has ample opportunity to share his or her thoughts. The readings are taken from the book **"Proclaim Liberty" (PL)**.

This group will meet for thirteen weeks. Each meeting should last about two hours and at the end of each meeting, there is a set of commitments each participant is invited to make. These commitments follow the pattern of learn, act, and share: You have learned together in your study group or your individual study. Now, you are invited to act on what you learned and share what you learned with others.

Simply follow the guide, be respectful of one another, and enjoy your exploration of liberty! Take turns reading and leading discussions. Don't forget to allow a few minutes of silence for the Ponder sections and have your pencil handy to take lots of notes!