Digging Deeper

Series: A Psummer of Psalms for the Psoul
Sermon: **In God We Still Trust**
Scripture: Psalm 33

GETTING STARTED

Discuss some of your favorite "4th of July" memories.

BIBLE STUDY

1. On the scale below, mark where you think we as a nation are in terms of making the LORD our God.

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The LORD Is NOT Our God — The LORD IS Our God

- Discuss reasons for your answer.

2. There is a strong emphasis in Psalm 33 on praise and worship. Go through and identify the verses that encourage God's people to offer praise to the Lord.
    - What is the connection between praise and being a nation of people to whom the LORD is their God?

3. Read Isaiah 29:13. In what ways do you see evidence that we are like the people described by Isaiah?

4. Read Psalm 33:6-9 and 13-15. How do these verses affect your confidence in God to superintend the affairs of a nation? Explain your answer.

5. As you read through Psalm 33, identify some of the attributes of God mentioned in these verses. How are these attributes reflected in the character of our nation?

6. Psalm 33:16-17 make it clear that our security as a nation is not dependent upon our own strength or ingenuity. Does this suggest that we should not attempt to have a powerful military? Explain your response.

APPLY IT

As you consider the four "evidences" that a nation has made the LORD their God as suggested by this Psalm (Praise, Protection, Patience and Peace of the Nation), are you encouraged or discouraged by America's status today?