

## ***What's Right, What's Wrong with America***

***Proverbs 14:34, John 18:33-38a;***

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### **Transition Scripture**

**Proverbs 14:34 - Righteousness exalts a nation,  
but sin condemns any people.**

**John 18:33-40 - <sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him,  
“Are you the king of the Jews?”**

**<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”**

**<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me.  
What is it you have done?”**

**<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent  
my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”**

**<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.**

**Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the  
world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”**

**<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.**

### **Group Discussion Questions**

**Starter:** In your opinion, what is right with America? What is wrong with America?

#### **Go Deeper**

1. Read Proverbs 14:34
2. Think about things you wish were right in our country. If those were fixed, how would other nations see us?
3. Think about the shame of sin. How do citizens behave when they are ashamed of their country?
4. Read John 18:33-38a
5. In your opinion, why do people seek power instead of truth?
6. What does mean to you when Jesus says, “Everyone on the side of truth listens to me?”
7. Pastor Clay suggested five actions we could take to move our country toward righteousness: Pray, speak truth, care of those harmed by government action/inaction, love fiercely, and offer new citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Which one do you need to do this week?