

David Zanotti – Missionary To America

David serves as President & CEO of the American Policy Roundtable and The Public Square Media Network, which he created in 1989. Since then, The Public Square has become one of the longest running daily feature programs in America. Co-hosted with Wayne Shepherd, the program is heard on over 200 stations coast to coast in both the daily and weekend editions and via the Internet.

Discussion Questions

1. David was powerfully impacted by John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” This revelation opened his eyes to what Christ had done for him, redirected his plans, and changed his life forever.

Question: Have you ever had a single scripture verse that opened your eyes and changed your life? If not, what does this verse mean to you now?

2. David says that, at its founding, America had a consensus where people recognized that if they were to become a nation and survive in this world, they would need God’s help—and they asked for it, and they followed. This “dependence on God” frame of mind for how we will live here together, is the essence of what the American model is all about.

Question: Do you believe that America, as a whole, still considers itself to be dependent on God and in partnership with Him for its existence and wellbeing? If not, how would you describe our position on “In God We Trust” today?

3. *The Public Square Media Network* derives its name from the beginnings of America, where the public square was connected to the local congregation and the community church. When the news broke, people got it at the public square, where they would talk about the news. David believes that the heart beat of the gospel, the teachings of Christ, belongs on the public square (the place where news and ideas are exchanged and discussed), because Jesus is relevant to every question we have. As “Missionaries To America,” David considers their media network to be a contemporary version of the public square.

Question: What are some of the “Public Square” forums, outside of the church, in which the teachings of Christ are being discussed and considered today? How might those forums be expanded? Do you consider MGF to be one of those?

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