Introduction: When our world shakes and when the world shakes

Question:

What can we do when the world shakes?

Therefore, since we receive a Kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Hebrews 12:28

The object of hope:

No matter what you go through, it’s not your circumstances, but as a follower of Christ you have a citizenship in a Kingdom that will never be shaken.

When the world shakes, Christ’s __________________ will not be shaken.

Psalm 46:2
God is above all, who is on God’s side?

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” 14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

Joshua 5:13-14a

Where do you find your stability and your identity?

We must choose to pledge our __________________________ to God’s eternal Kingdom, where Jesus Christ will be worshipped as King of kings and Lord or lords.

Five forces that are reshaping the world right now:

First force: Humans are __________________________.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:21

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23
Second force: Satan is ________________________.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Third force: Ideologies are ________________________.

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Fourth force: Western civilization is ________________________ core tenets.

So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.

Joshua 24:13

Fifth force: Christ and His people are ________________________.

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18
Discussion Questions:

1. How can we find hope when the ‘world shakes’? What does that look like? What stabilizes you?

2. Pastor John shares that ideas are Satan’s primary methodology to turn God’s people away from Him. Ideologies are a way of viewing the world and all ideologies are exclusive. How can we know what is true?

3. Do you agree with the notion that ideas control world history? Do you believe ideas are life and death? How have you experienced this personally?

4. Pastor John stated that Christ and His people are prevailing, and that they are part of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. How can you prevail when everything seems to fall away?