

## **“UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES”**

### **Part 1: ‘Follow the Science’**

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**INTRO:** This morning I’m going to be starting a new series on the theme, **“Understanding the Times.”** The sons of Issachar had understanding of the times and knew what they ought to do (1Chron. 12:32; see also Esther 1:13-21).

#### **TRUST THE PROCESS**

1. Information – Knowing what’s happening.
2. Revelation – Understanding what’s happening.
3. Application – Knowing the right thing to do.
4. Activation – Doing the right thing (following through).
  - A. Be intentional and persevering (Gal. 6:9).

#### **KNOWING WHAT TO DO AS A CITIZEN OF THE U.S. & AS A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

1. Knowing what to do as a citizen of the U.S.
2. Knowing what to do as a citizen of the kingdom of God.
  - A. Prayer. B. Live it. C. Ministry (serving).

#### **“FOLLOW THE SCIENCE”**

Should we always follow the science? Is science always right? When should we follow the science? Are there other factors we should consider in making important decisions?

#### **THE SCIENCE ABOUT SCIENCE**

1. True science helps us better understand God’s creation.
2. True science helps us live safer, more enjoyable lives.
3. Science is fairly well equipped to explain the natural realm, less equipped to explain the emotional realm, and ill-equipped to explain the spiritual realm.
4. Miracle - the temporary suspension of scientific laws.
5. Science is ever changing.

#### **BASIS FOR DECISIONS**

Science, Economics, Relationships, Emotions & The Bible.

#### **GOVERNMENT AND SCIENCE**

Government’s number one priority is not to follow the science, but to achieve a specific desired outcome.

**CONCLUSION:** What’s God saying to you today?