Series Title: WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS ARE BEING DESTROYED

Key Scripture: Psalm 11:1-7

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Starter:

As we approach Canada's Birthday, share what are you most grateful for about our home and native land. Have all group members contribute their thoughts of gratitude for Canada, by vocalizing their appreciation for the goodness of God in "O Canada".

Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 11:1 David says that "He put his trust in the Lord" (vs 1), when the foundations were being destroyed. David ran into the arms of God. David's faith contrasted dramatically with the fear of the advisors who told him to flee. Discuss how faith in God keeps us from losing hope and helps us resist fear.

2. As Pastor Mark explained: The Enemy's arrows are aimed at these four foundations and three sanctities: The foundation of the Bible- 2 Timothy 3:16; The foundation of our Christian Faith- John 14:6; The foundation of the Family- Deut.6:4-9 & Joshua 24:15 & John 10:10; The foundation of the Church- Matthew 16:18. The sanctity of Life- Psalm 139:13-16; The sanctity of Gender- Genesis 1:27; The sanctity of Marriage- Genesis 2: 24

- One of the key Scriptures on our Peace Tower is Ephesians 6:13 "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm". Discuss what the full armor of God means as defense against temptation and evil in this context.

(Cont.) Discussion:

3. Discuss the Seven Things We Can Do when the foundations are being destroyed. Read the corresponding scripture. Talk about the practical life application of each of these guidelines:

- WAKE up – Romans 13:11; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- GROW up – Colossians 2:6-7
- STAND up – Daniel 3:16-18 & 6:10
- SPEAK up – Acts 18:9-10 & Romans 1:16
- SHOW up – Hebrews 10:23-25
- PRAY up – 1 Timothy 2:1 & Psalm 33:12 & Proverbs 14:34
- STEP up – Esther 4:14

4. Reflect on the vision the Fathers of Confederation had for the dominion of Canada as a Christian nation. The prominent scripture on the Peace Tower and Canada's Coat of Arms reflect the biblical vision of Psalm 72: 8 "May He have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth". Discuss what this foundational Scripture means for our nation.

Diving Deeper:

·Consider how you see the foundations of righteousness crumbling around you. Reflect on the righteousness of God that is available to those who place their faith in Christ Jesus. God is still in control. His power is not diminished by any turn of events. Run to God. He will restore justice and goodness on the earth in His time.

·Pray for revival and that the Lordship of Jesus Christ will be recognized in Canada in these current times. As Pastor Mark said: "A nation under collapse needs a church in prayer for revival." Pray for revival, renewal and redemption. In Christ, may we shout with one voice that God shall have dominion from sea to sea!