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Study Guide

Dominion and Reconstruction

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A lesson-by-lesson companion for reading, discussion, and written responses.

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Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

LESSON 1

Pastor John Weaver - The Real McCoy

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Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-25 (October 9, 2026 opening-heading corrected edition).

Major Themes

Courage

The necessity of courage in the Christian life, modeled by Arthur McCoy's fearlessness in battle and commanded by Scripture.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'Have not I commanded thee? Be of good courage, and be not afraid, and be not dismayed' (Joshua 1:9) and describes McCoy as 'one of the bravest and most courageous men about whom I've ever read.'

Coolness Under Pressure

The importance of maintaining composure in desperate situations, as McCoy did repeatedly when facing overwhelming odds.

Lecture support: Weaver recounts McCoy's escape from captivity and his calm deception of Union soldiers, noting 'Here was a man that was so cool, it was unbelievable.'

Confidence in God and Providence

The need for confidence in God's abilities and providence, drawing from McCoy's self-assurance and applying it to faith.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We need confidence in our God. We need confidence in His Word. We need confidence in His gracious providence in our lives.'

Consecration to a Cause

The call to be dedicated to the kingdom of Christ, inspired by McCoy's total commitment to the Confederate cause.

Lecture support: Weaver asks, 'Can we do any less for the cause and the kingdom of Jesus Christ?' and cites Matthew 6:33.

Learning from Non-Christians

The idea that Christians can learn valuable lessons from non-believers through common grace, as exemplified by McCoy's virtues.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We can even learn as Christians from non-Christians. Not necessarily theology, but there is common grace that is given to men.'

The Real McCoy as Genuine Authenticity

The phrase 'the real McCoy' signifies something genuine and authentic, which Weaver ties to McCoy's larger-than-life character.

Lecture support: Weaver explains, 'When we say he's the real McCoy or it's the real McCoy, we're indicating that something is genuine, it's authentic and it's true.'

Key Arguments

Courage is commanded by God and exemplified by McCoy

Weaver argues that Scripture commands courage, and McCoy's life provides a powerful example of fearless bravery that Christians should emulate.

Lecture support: Weaver quotes Joshua 1:9 and 2 Samuel 10:12, then states, 'Arthur McCoy was one of the bravest and most courageous men about whom I've ever read.'

Coolness in crisis is a learned trait from McCoy's exploits

Weaver contends that McCoy's ability to remain calm under fire is a quality Christians need, especially as times become more dangerous.

Lecture support: Weaver describes McCoy's escape: 'He just simply slips into the water, noiselessly, and then begins to float right down the river, right past all of the guards.'

Confidence in God is essential for facing future trials

Weaver asserts that believers must have confidence in God's Word and providence, drawing a parallel to McCoy's self-confidence.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We need confidence in our God. We need confidence in His Word. We need confidence in His gracious providence in our lives.'

Consecration to Christ's kingdom should match McCoy's dedication

Weaver argues that the dedication of Confederate soldiers should inspire Christians to greater consecration to the cause of Christ.

Lecture support: Weaver asks, 'Can we do any less for the cause and the kingdom of Jesus Christ?' and references Matthew 6:33.

Common grace allows learning from non-Christian examples

Weaver posits that God gives common grace to all people, enabling Christians to learn virtues like courage from individuals like McCoy, regardless of their faith.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'I understand common grace and I know God can give men lots of common grace so that their lives are decent without giving them special saving grace.'

Scripture References

2 Timothy 3:14

Weaver uses this verse to introduce the idea of learning from individuals who have made an impression, applying it to the life of Arthur McCoy.

Joshua 1:9

Weaver quotes this verse to show that God commands courage, a trait exemplified by McCoy.

2 Samuel 10:12

Weaver cites this verse as another biblical command to be courageous and 'play the men' for God's people.

1 Chronicles 19:13

Weaver references this parallel passage to reinforce the call to courage and valiant behavior.

2 Timothy 1:7

Weaver alludes to this verse, stating that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Matthew 6:33

Weaver quotes this verse to emphasize seeking God's kingdom first as part of consecration.

Discussion Questions

1. How does the biblical command to be courageous (Joshua 1:9) apply to our lives today, especially in the face of increasing cultural opposition?

Consider: Weaver emphasizes that courage is commanded by God and exemplified by McCoy, urging believers to develop this trait.

2. In what ways can we learn from non-Christians like Arthur McCoy without compromising our faith?

Consider: Weaver introduces the concept of common grace, suggesting that virtues like courage can be observed and emulated from non-believers.

3. What does McCoy's coolness under pressure teach us about handling crises with a calm and sound mind?

Consider: Weaver recounts multiple instances where McCoy remained composed in life-threatening situations, contrasting it with panic.

4. How can we cultivate a deeper confidence in God's providence when facing uncertain or dangerous circumstances?

Consider: Weaver calls for confidence in God's Word and providence, using Lee's quote about duty and consequences.

5. What does it mean to be consecrated to the cause of Christ, and how does McCoy's dedication to his cause challenge our commitment?

Consider: Weaver contrasts McCoy's total dedication to the Confederate cause with the call to seek first God's kingdom.

6. Why is it important to maintain a 'cool head' in desperate situations, and how can we prepare ourselves spiritually for such times?

Consider: Weaver shares a personal story about his mother's panic versus his father's calm, illustrating the need for composure.

Applications

Develop Courage

Believers are commanded to be courageous and should actively cultivate bravery in their personal lives, especially as societal pressures increase.

Lecture support: Weaver states, 'We need courage. We need coolness. We need to have a calm mind and to think calmly in situations.'

Maintain Composure in Crisis

Christians should learn to remain calm and think clearly in desperate situations, following McCoy's example of coolness under fire.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'when times get desperate, it's not any time to lose your cool.'

Trust in God's Providence

Believers must place their confidence in God's sovereign control and His Word, rather than relying on their own strength.

Lecture support: Weaver urges, 'We need confidence in our God. We need confidence in His Word. We need confidence in His gracious providence in our lives.'

Consecrate Yourself to Christ's Kingdom

Christians should dedicate themselves wholly to the cause of Christ, seeking first His kingdom and righteousness.

Lecture support: Weaver asks, 'Can we do any less for the cause and the kingdom of Jesus Christ?' and quotes Matthew 6:33.

Learn from Exemplary Lives

Believers can learn valuable lessons from the lives of others, including non-Christians, by observing virtues like courage and dedication.

Lecture support: Weaver says, 'We can learn from every individual. We can even learn as Christians from non-Christians.'

Personal Application and Notes

Which application will you work on, and what specific step will you take?

What Scripture or teaching will you return to as you put this into practice?

Additional notes or questions to discuss

Online Lecture Resources

Scan a code or select the lecture link in the PDF. The original lecture identifiers and destinations are preserved.

Lesson 1: Pastor John Weaver - The Real McCoy

Lecture JW01376

Open the formatted lecture online

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