

***The Seven Faith Tribes* by George Barna**
Discussion Guide

- 1) What examples can you give of the connection between faith and culture?
- 2) Do you believe that a democracy, such as that in the United States, “achieves greatness and retains its strength on the basis of the values and beliefs that fuel people’s choices”? If not, then what do you believe has historically been the basis of national unity and strength?
- 3) How has digital technology—computers, mobile phones, the Internet, digital cameras, video recorders, and the like—challenged our cultural institutions and “created an opinionated population that has become more narrow-minded and isolated even in the midst of an avalanche of information and relational connections”? Does this strengthen or weaken a nation? What is a strategic response from leaders to that situation?
- 4) How much interaction have you had with each of the seven faith tribes described in this book? How do you think knowing more about the belief systems of each tribe could strengthen our nation?
- 5) List the major characteristics and beliefs about each of the seven faith tribes, highlighting areas that surprised you.
- 6) Now list any values and beliefs that you share in common with each of the seven tribes. In what areas do you differ?
- 7) Identify and examine the prevalent worldviews that America’s faith tribes embrace, and talk about what each body of beliefs and convictions adds to the American condition.
- 8) Why do you think our country has struggled to find the unifying values without our diverse culture?
- 9) What could each group do—specifically Christians—to move America toward restoration?
- 10) As described in the book, you are either a leader or a follower—perhaps both. What kind of action do you plan to take as a result of what you have learned about the seven tribes and the needs of the United States?
- 11) In your role as a consumer of media, what types of things are you willing to do to address the negative influence of the media in our society?
- 12) What can be done to help families better navigate the maze of challenges presented to them and their children in this culture?
- 13) The book offers the provocative notion that America does not need more preaching and overt evangelism but is in desperate need of more Christians who live a Christ-like life as their primary means of witnessing. How do you respond to that?

14) After considering the information, arguments, and proposed solutions, what conclusions do you draw about the state of America? What do you plan to do as a result of what you read in the book?