

History 4790

Study Guide for *Jesus Camp* and *With God on Our Side: George W. Bush and the Rise of the Religious Right*

- 1) Becky Fisher who is the head of “Kids In Ministry” and the subject of *Jesus Camp* has a particular perspective on children and religion, what do you think this is?
- 2) To say that pentecostal Christians are against American pop culture is not quite true. What are the various ways Christians in *Jesus Camp* use popular culture and mass media?
- 3) What role does the radio talk show host play in *Jesus Camp*?
- 4) Do you think *Jesus Camp* filmmakers Rachel Grady and Heidi Ewing were “fair” to the Christians they filmed? Why or why not?
- 5) What are these kids going to be like when they grow up?
- 6) What historical and cultural events stimulated the political involvements of Evangelicals?
- 7) Why were evangelicals disappointed with President Jimmy Carter?
- 8) There is a point in the film when a “talking head” reflects on the difference between being an advisor versus a prophet. How did they play out in the case of President Ronald Reagan?
- 9) From the perspective of the history of religion, why didn’t a DUI sink Bush’s presidential bid?
- 10) Do you think *With God on Our Side* filmmakers Calvin Skaggs and David Van Taylor were “fair” to the Christians they filmed? Why or why not?