

Cane Ridge Meeting House

# LESSONS FROM AMERICAN RESTORATION HISTORY

God never intended for His message to be kept secret, locked away or known to just a select few. God wanted everyone, everywhere to know, even to the uttermost parts of the world.

## A. Even before the N.T. was completed changes were being made to God's pattern

1. Departure from the \_\_\_\_\_
2. D \_\_\_\_\_ of an organization larger than local church
3. D \_\_\_\_\_ of God's word

There was a desire to follow the Bible and nothing else

1. Farmers started preaching
2. Rejected all \_\_\_\_\_ but Christian
3. Denounced all \_\_\_\_\_
4. Denied the hierarchal system
5. Sought to \_\_\_\_\_ the divine pattern for worship, salvation and organization

## B. This resulted in a p \_\_\_\_\_, c \_\_\_\_\_ and o \_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ that used torture and death on those who differed

- In 1229 the Bible was placed on the list of Forbidden books
  - In the 1500's William Tyndale was burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English
  - Those who fled this persecution came to Holland and then to America
1. Following the American Revolution, there was a moral and spiritual decline in America

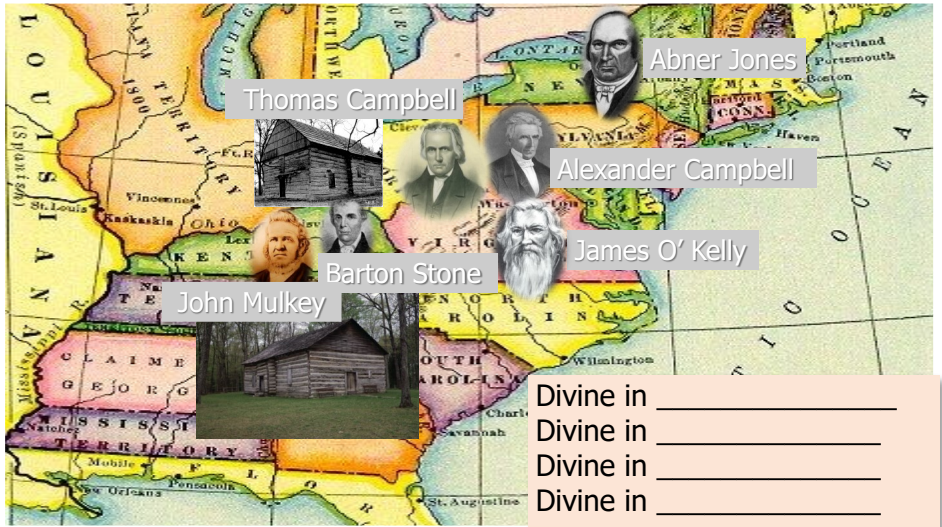
2. In the early 1800's there was an awakening to return to the Bible

3. Much like the days of Nehemiah (8:5-8)

- Opened the book in \_\_\_\_\_ of the people
- \_\_\_\_\_ the book to the people
- \_\_\_\_\_ the book to the people
- The people \_\_\_\_\_

## Three Lessons Come From this Period in History

1. The church you read about in the Bible is d \_\_\_\_\_, u \_\_\_\_\_, and u \_\_\_\_\_ any other church



Divine in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divine in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divine in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Divine in \_\_\_\_\_

The concept of Restoration is to go back to the \_\_\_\_\_

2. There was an understanding that the church God created was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to do what it was supposed to do  
 Each congregation was \_\_\_\_\_ (not a franchise)
3. The first Christians were \_\_\_\_\_ with God's ways  
 They understood that if it came from God it would \_\_\_\_\_