SESSION 8: QUESTIONS WITH ANDREW AND NORINE

Beyond the final teaching, Andrew and his wife took time to speak about where they have been and what they have learned. To answer questions. It is a kind of encouraging, "after-action" report. I clearly hear their passion and their humility. I resonate with their hunger to serve God at any cost. I hope you have been as blessed by this video series, and by them, as I have. Soli Deo Gloria!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

- 1) What answers from Norine and Andrew spoke to you?
- 2) Are there questions you would have liked them to answer?
- 3) How has the Prepare to Stand series influenced your thinking?

ACTION STEPS

- ✓ Ask God honestly, "What must I do now to help other Christians prepare to stand?"
- ✓ Should you forward this link on? Share it with your pastor or leadership team?
- ✓ Pray, "Lord Jesus, I place my full trust in you. You will protect your church. But as things become more difficult, help me become more steadfast and bolder. Give me the words, the opportunities, and the favor to live my life aloud for you. May I never give up! Amen."

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