



Home Church Book Study
[guide 1; Week 2]

Jesus for President

1. Where can you see that our modern, American Nationalism, comes with the Church?
2. How has that hurt Jesus' message to our world?
3. What is the "Churches Imagination?"
4. Can you find examples in your circles of the Churches temptation and love affair with Power and Government?
5. Look at Matthew 4.1-11. What was Jesus tempted with, and how do they relate to "power" in His time and ours'?
6. How can God use powerless people to heal the world?

7. Why was it so difficult for God's people to abstain from having a King? (Think about the irony of how brutal the world's kings were to them, and how brutal they became using the same kind of leadership model. 1 Sam. 8.6-18)
8. Are we "peculiar" people? How?
9. Can our secular rulers ever "save" us? How, or why?
10. What should our prophetic voice to our politicians and the Church who worships at the political altar?

Keep in mind for next week...
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1. What are some of your stories, where God was seen by an act of refusing worldly power—working instead through Godly weakness?
2. How do we today create "purity codes" that threaten God's loveliness?
3. What are some examples of God's love expressed through "law?"
4. Realizing that Jesus used borrowed language from the empire to confront it, what language might we use today (and where should we use it) to challenge today's imperial power? (See pg 67-70)