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Jesus for President

1. What are some of your stories, where God was seen by an act of refusing worldly power—working instead through Godly weakness?
2. Reading through the “purity codes” (page 50–51), Israel’s customs were largely borrowed as a nomadic family. When they were established as a nation—a “set apart” and “peculiar people,” they commemorated their pilgrimage by remembering holy days (holidays) of remembrance. What might our kingdom holidays of remembrance be, reminiscent of our journey?
3. How do we today create “purity codes” that threaten God’s loveliness?
4. What are some Holidays or laws, borrowed from the Hebrews, that might help us remember God setting us apart?

5. What are some examples of God’s love expressed through “law?”

Section 2

6. How have we compromised and broken covenant with God?
7. 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)

Keep in mind for next week...

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8. Compare our political “backdrop” today to Jesus’ world. How do they differ? How are they similar?
9. Compare the 1st century world to today. Who are today’s zealots; Herodians; Essenes, etc?
10. What conflicts were evident between Jesus’ kingdom, and the empire? What are some similarities seen today? How should we respond as “resident aliens?”
11. What would Jubilee look like today in our world? What would need to change in the way the Church operates.