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Jesus for President

1. How might your heavenly citizenship collide with the "Powers" of this world? Give examples of walking with Christ, which is an "affront" to the orthodoxy of today's empire. (See pg 110)

2. Following Christ as President makes us vulnerable in many ways. Have you seen examples of God's Kingdom thriving through weakness? Where?

3. In Jesus' world, what would a truer (or perhaps a better) understanding of the "cost of freedom" be, compared to our militaristic price? (See pg 112–113)

4. Think about how we are impacted by our American culture, thinking through how we have absorbed a different theology than that of Christ's; a type of occupation or oppression. (See pg 114–118)

5. What language might we use today to express our "occupation," "bondage," and/or "oppression?" (See pg 114–115)

6. Compare Caesar's Coronation with "Jesus' Coronation," and think through the similarities and contradictions within our present political systems as Christians. (See pg 125–131)

Keep in mind for next week...

Section 3

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7. Reading through this section, keep in mind what it would mean to us, to "come out from among" the world's empire(s) today.

8. Abandoning the empire as serious business and it came with a high personal cost. As you read, think about the early followers and how they were treated. Was it worth it?

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