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Jesus for President

Section 3

1. Reading through this section, keep in mind what it would mean to us, to “come out from among” the worlds empire(s) today.

2. Time for honesty and self examination... Think about how the early Christians were called “atheists” and compare how we are viewed today, if we were to really forsake the Gospel of the US Empire and the imperialism of democracy.

3. What names might we be called that we could adopt as a badge of honor in following a peaceful King?

4. If we would adopt the way of peace, and it were to spread, how would that affect the US military and is their a good reason to kill on behalf of empire?

5. Where are we involved with the empire, that cannot stay the same, once we apprentice with Jesus? (See pg 144–147)

6. Abandoning the empire was serious business and it came with a high personal cost. Think about the early followers, how they were treated, and compare our revelatory imagery for our governments. Was/is it worth it? (See pg 148–147)

Keep in mind for next week...
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7. Consider the language we use today in the Church as you read this section, with sensitivity toward the language of war, conquering and secular models of nationalism.

8. Also consider the fine line between serving the empire vs cooperation vs subordination. One man’s cooperation might be another’s idolatry.

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