



Home Church Book Study

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Jesus for President

Section 3

Consider our economics, governments, and our religious perspectives on a worldwide interconnectedness, along with how we wrap up our understanding of the world in Americanism.

1. How do you think the world sees America? Do they see any difference between the American Church and the American Government?
2. Discuss the subtlety of the Empire's values seeping into the Kingdom of God. (See pg 188)
3. What do you think of the term, "Make Affluence History?" (See pg 189)
4. Where have you seen the Church prosper in concert with American capitalism, on the backs of the poor? On what level(s)?

The world is running faster, and faster, with a constant thirst for more, and more. There is very little margin today to find peace or to give it...

5. Wendell Berry wrote about our Christian economy being no different from the "industrial economy..." "which, is founded upon the seven deadly sins and the breaking of all ten commandments." Let's talk about our wallets...
6. Do you think Jesus would be a good American? Why? (See pg 194)
7. Does the American flag have any place in church? Why?
8. How should we see ourselves; through an American lens, or should we see America through a Kingdom lens? How would that change how we deal with our enemies? (See pg 199)

Keep in mind for next week...
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1. Consider Jesus' life and work, impressed with his counter-cultural posture of non-violence in the face of what he was willing to endure for those who hated him. After all, didn't he just suffer the agony of the cross for those who were (and would be) tight with him?

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