



## Home Church Book Study

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# Jesus for President

### Section 3

Jesus did not suffer the agony of the cross just for those who were (or would be) accepting of his path.

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.

2. Reconcile the churches embrace of war and patriotism.

3. Describe what you are willing to die for, and are you willing to kill for something? Why? What might your conscience allow in the light of Jesus' teaching? (See pg 208-211)

4. What might this look like in your life?

5. We have our own stories among us, of the trauma of war, affecting our friends terribly, and we see the results in their lives. How do you suppose the exercise of "redemptive violence" has redeemed them? (See pg 211-219)

6. How might we find the grace to exercise "revolutionary subordination" as a people in response to our traumas? (See pg 219)

### Keep in mind for next week...

### Section 4

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1. As we begin this Section, keep in mind our recent teachings in Matthew, on Jesus', "The Kingdom is Like..." teachings, and what we should expect, and how we should reflect his life in every circumstances. How "peculiar" are we in contrast to a brutal world?

2. Remind yourself of "our Stories" in reflecting his love.

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