



Home Church Book Study

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Jesus for President

Section 4

Beginning this Section, keep in mind our recent teachings in Matthew, on Jesus', "the kingdom is like,.." and what we should expect in following him.

1. How do we reflect his life in every circumstance? How "peculiar" are we in contrast to a brutal world?

2. How are (and what are) your personal resolutions, and/or our corporate motivations politically active within our kingdom and the empire? How is this a continuation of Christ's work – our becoming his body in the earth?

3. How does that affect the world around us? How does our peculiarity as a people, and as exiles bless the world? (See pg 238)

4. What gift are you to the world? One that is radically representative of God's kingdom? (See pg 246)

5. What might we be holding onto in this world that has no place in Christ's community, co-opting our heavenly politics? Rendering unto the Empire... (See pg 256–256)

6. What are some of "our Stories" in reflecting his love? Where do we seek his "3rd Way?"

Keep in mind for next week...

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1. As you read, remember; "Jesus didn't consider the way of the cross something he simply accomplished for the sake of others' salvation, but he insisted, 'you cannot be my disciples unless you too pick up your cross and follow [him].'" (Pg 277)

For it is commendable if you bear up under the pain of unjust suffering because you are conscience of God... When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate, when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. -I Peter 2.19, 23

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