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# FACILITATOR GUIDE

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## Session 5: How to Overthrow An Empire

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### Primary Presentation Objective

- Help the men to understand that only through following the example of Jesus Christ and His way of life (self-sacrificial love) will we ever overcome the darkness of the world.

### Secondary Presentation Objectives

- Help the men understand the hidden nature of spreading the Kingdom of God - it's like a mustard seed that takes root in any crack it can find. It grows big enough to destroy foundations and take down walls. Little things with great love always win.
- Help the men to evaluate themselves and the different areas of their lives. Are they being served or are they serving others?

### Essential Small Group Goals

- Have an enlightening discussion on our role in the redemption of the world. Christ did his part by conquering sin and death through love. It is time to follow his example, rely upon the Holy Spirit, and be imitators of Christ. Christ desires to conquer the world through us, through our love and sacrifice.
- Help the men learn that the art of Christian living is found in the beatitudes. If they wish to grow in holiness, they must first become smaller: humble, meek.

### Questions from Video Presentation

- Am I serving others (spouse, children, co-workers, friends) or are they serving me?
- How can I concretely serve others with a greater generosity?

### Supplemental Questions

- What struck you most from the presentation?
- Where do you struggle the most with self-sacrifice and generosity?
- What is our role in overthrowing an empire? How do we go about such a daunting task? How do we advance the Kingdom of God in a post-Christian world?

### Next Week!

- Speaker: Michael Gormley                      Topic: Word - Witness - Walk

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## OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

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Scripture: Matthew 5

Religious: Catechism #1716-1717

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