

The Authority of the Rightful King

Luke 20:1-19

- Our sinful hearts _____ God's _____.
(vs. 2)

The perils of resisting God's authority:

- _____ to _____ God what He
_____. (vs.9)

- _____ God's _____ to
_____. (vs.10-12)

- _____ God's _____. (vs.16-17)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Take a minute and reread Luke 20:1-19 as a group. What are some of the main ideas of the text that stand out to you?
2. Luke 20:1-8 captures an interchange between Jesus and the religious leaders as they questioned Jesus' authority. Which authorities have you resisted in your life? What are some regrettable ways you challenged that authority? Why do you think we all have such a natural struggle with authority?
3. Looking at Luke 20:9-18, Jesus uses a parable that presents Israel's leaders as seeking to own something that only belongs to God. How do you see this tendency at work in your own life? (How are you "owning" something that God has made you a tenant of? Think about your life, your possessions, your future, your salvation, your kids, etc.)
4. Much like Israel and her leaders, God patiently and graciously sends messengers into our lives to call us to repent like He did the prophets of the Old Testament for Israel. Who are some people that God has placed in your life as His messengers? How have you been guilty of treating them badly for pointing out your sin like Israel did the prophets?
5. Lastly, we see that Israel and her leaders rejected Jesus and did not rightly submit to His authority. What are some areas of your life that you are still resisting Jesus? What would it look like for you to submit to Christ in those areas of your life?
6. Take some time as a group and discuss how your life would change if you lived like a tenant rather than the owner of your life.