



Acts 4:1-22, Matthew 22:15-22

"There's More Than One Way to Skin A Cat"

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Consult the Scriptures:

Matthew 22:15-22

Acts 4:1-22

(See also 1 Pet. 2:13-17, Rom. 13:1-2, Lk. 12:11-12, 21:12-15, Php. 3:17-21)

Discuss:

1. What are some of the various ways you have skinned a cat? Just kidding. What is the point of the saying, *"There is more than one way to skin a cat?"*
2. How did the above saying relate to Pastor Patrick's discussion about the form and function of the church? What is the difference between form and function, and how might that apply to the situation we find ourselves in today?
3. Read Matthew 22:15-22 and discuss. How might this help inform us as we consider the restrictions and mandates from our governing authorities currently? *(See also 1 Pet.2:13-17, Rom. 13:1-2).*
4. Read Acts 4:1-22 and discuss. How was Peter to justify his disobedience to ruling authorities after what we just read and discussed above? In

your opinion, biblically, what are some of the unchanging functions (*i.e. principles*) of the church?

5. How did the sermon this week challenge you?
6. Spend time as a group praying for our church, the church in our community and around the world, our elders, and our governing authorities.