

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

9/5/21

1.) **READ** Luke 20:19-26 aloud together.

2.) **DISCUSS** the following:

- The religious leaders cared a lot about what the people thought and put their **identity** in having control and influence rather than believing in Jesus. Similarly, we tend to put our **identity** in things other than Jesus.
 - What do you tend to put your identity in other than God and what He says about you?
 - Why is it hard to find our identity in what God says about us rather than what others say about us/what we say about ourselves?
- The spies **pretended** to be sincere to Jesus, and Jesus **perceived** their craftiness. He sees through their flattery and their “saying the right things” and sees the real motivations of their hearts. Jesus sees everything and knows everything.
 - How does this truth impact the way we relate to Him and to others?
 - Why do we waste so much time pretending and hiding so much?
 - Is there anything you need to be honest with God and others about? (You may need to share in a group setting or privately with another person in your community.)
- God has created everything and made us in His image. Jesus says to render to God the things that are God’s.
 - What does it look like to render (give) all of our lives to God? (Romans 12:1-2) Describe what this looks like or could look like for you in your daily life.
 - Is there anything in your life that you are having a difficult time giving to God (or trusting God with)?

3.) **PRAY** together. Ask the Lord to help you apply His word to your life.

