

# Tough Topics & the Gospel- Politics

*Review Mark 12: 13-17 and Luke 6:20-26*

When it comes to politics, what are you overall thoughts and feelings over the past few years?

Why do you think we have become so polarized as a nation?

How were the Pharisees and Herodians different politically?

How were they trying to trap Jesus?

What does Jesus mean by responding to their entrapping question, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar; give to God what is God's?"

In his message Pastor Rick mentions that by answering the way Jesus did, he refused political simplicity, political complacency, and political primacy. What are your thoughts in regards to this?

If Jesus refused them, how then should we respond as his followers?

In Luke 6:20-26, Jesus shares the values that the Kingdom of God esteems. They tend to be the opposite of the kingdom of this world's values, followed by many governments and politicians. If we had a Kingdom mindset, what impact could this have on how we think about politics as Christ-followers?

How are you being challenged in your thoughts or actions as a result of this Tough Topics series? How can your group help you be accountable in one area and pray for you in regard to this?