

Welcome

TO CHURCH

KEEPING POLITICS IN KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE

Matthew 22:15-22

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. In v. 15-17 Jesus rejects the simple answer and instead gives an answer that gives glory to God and respect to the government He has invested with power. How can we as Christians answer some of today's issues pointing to Jesus and honoring the institutions God has put into positions of power over us?
2. Following the example of Jesus, Peter and Paul list some of the roles and responsibilities God has created government to fulfill. Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. Discuss some of these roles and responsibilities and how we should respond as Christians. Some phrases to think about are "subject for the Lord's sake", "does not bear the sword in vain", "submissive to rulers and authorities."
3. Jesus exposes "political spirituality" and denies "political superiority." Give examples where you have seen this in the past and present in the political arena and the consequences of those cases.
4. In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul directs Christians to pray for their leaders. Using this verse as well as Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2 give some examples of what and how we should pray for our leaders at the local, state and federal level.
5. Of Jesus twelve disciples, Simon the Zealot was anti-government and Matthew was a tax collector, a government employee. When we see these two polar opposites living in community, how do you think they did that? What steps do you need to take to live in unity with people who have different opinions?

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