

:: Read Matthew 22:15-22

:: Share a time when you have heard "Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's" as a plea to either pay your taxes or fall in line with the Government.

:: Explore and Discuss

Question: How would/did that make you feel?

Question: At times Jesus tells us to obey authorities as does Paul and Peter. If that is the case, what might Jesus be telling us in this text?

Question: Jesus points out the hypocrisy of having a "graven image" in the pocket of a Pharisee. Showing them how "other gods" easily find their way into our lives. What other "gods" might you have had in your life?

:: Apply it to Your Life

Question: How might you do an inventory of things/people who often try to take precedence in your life over God?

Question: What do you need to do to put God first in your life?

:: Pray: Lord Jesus, forgive us for the many things we often put before you. Help us to continually seek you and put you first in my daily walk. Help my commitment to be seen by others that they too, find ways to reset their order of life. Amen

:: Notes

