

Let's start: Invite God into the meeting. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide your meeting, and to touch your lives.

Discussion: Bucket List: Matthew 6:13 "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Note that this is only a guide. Please discuss the points you want to discuss.

Mark 12:17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marvelled at him.

- 1. What do you think God is saying to us through this verse? Why would this be challenging to some people? What would you consider to be 'God's things'?**
[The word "render" is a translation of the Greek word "apodidomi" (Strong's G591) which means two things in essence: "pay back or repay and serve or minister to".]

*Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.
1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.*

- 2. What stands out most for you in these verses? What challenges do you think this creates for people today? In what way would these challenges be different for a Christian? What is the big upside about everything belonging to God?**

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- 3. How have you seen this scripture to be true in your own or a close friends life? (share examples)? Why does this verse say you will 'hate' the one? What does the saying "money is neutral" mean to you?**

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

- 4. What is the key factor in this scripture? What does the love of money mean to you? How can we avoid this subconscious desire operating in our own lives?**

Remember: Money is neutral, and when in the correct hands, can solve many issues. Never let your love for money supersede your love for God, and cause you to start doing or acting in a way that would not glorify God.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Let's trust God to supply all our needs, but also look after what he has gifted us to do.

WORKS: Let's pray for:

- The upcoming elections, that God would bring peace into our nation, and that His name may be glorified in South Africa.
- Any special needs in the group.
- Please pray for the eldership and leadership team of the Church for 5 minutes.