

GROUP QUESTIONS: Render to Caesar w/ Pastor Greg

1. In honor of a spirit of gratitude, name one positive thing about winter?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Greg told us about the political aspect of the Passover celebration. Passover was celebrating Israel's deliverance from bondage in Egypt and deliverance to the promised land. This was a new time where Israel was going to be able to govern themselves.
Later, in Jesus' day, Passover was a time where people were nervous about political rebellions. What things stand out to you about this? How does this impact your understanding of Jesus' story at this time?
4. Greg said someone decided Jesus was worth killing. He asked, according to Mark, how does Jesus get himself killed? Discuss. (hint: behavior and timing)
5. What do you think about the idea that as Christians our primary loyalty is to anyone in the world before any group, including any country? There is no room for nationalism. How might we live this out in our lives?
6. Greg encouraged us to give weight to the group being targeted. I.e. racism, LBTQIA+, Jews. Where are our loyalties? Who do we look out for? Where do we place ourselves? What are ways we might stand in and protect them?

7. Greg asked us to consider: how do we treat people whose actions offend us deeply?