

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: June 23, 2019

Mark 12:12-17

1. Repeatedly in this section of Mark's gospel, the religious leaders were trying to trap Jesus in his teaching and conversations. Have you ever had people try to "trap" you in religious conversations? How did you respond and how might you respond to a similar situation differently in the future?
2. Last week, Pastor Craig pointed out that the Pharisees and the Herodians spoke truth, even though they were trying to trap Jesus. Since all truth is God's truth, how can we even use facts found outside of the church to share the gospel?
3. Jesus urged his listeners to give Caesar what was due to him by law and Paul gave similar instructions in Romans 13:1-7. Is there ever a time when a Christian should refuse to follow the rule of law?
4. We live in a culture that is increasingly divided by politics. Why is it dangerous for the church to align itself too closely with any one politician or political party?
5. Jesus said that money should be paid to Caesar because it bore Caesar's image. Read Genesis 1:26-31. Based on this passage of Scripture, whose image do we bear? What then do we owe God?
6. It has been said that the only sure things in life are dying and paying taxes. This passage deals with both. Read Hebrews 9:27. How can we be prepared to face the judgment spoken of in this passage? How should this assurance of judgment drive our desire for evangelism?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 12:17. How are you giving God what he deserves?