

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on May 23, 2010

Image Indicates Ownership – Mark 12:13-17

Big Idea: Give to both God and government what is rightfully theirs.

ICE BREAKERS

- Have you ever witnessed an encounter when someone was “put in their place”? Why do we like to see that? Do you have a story of when YOU were put in your place?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was Jesus’ predicament after the question in verse 15?
 2. What is the significance of the leader’s having a coin? (1. belief in its worth, 2. submission to the government’s authority)
 3. What is the significance of Jesus’ reply in verses 16-17?
 1. Image Bearer – How does Genesis 1:27 relate?
 - i. How do you bear the image of God?
 1. Eternality
 2. Morality
 3. Dignity
 4. Destiny
 2. What you owe God
 3. What you owe government
4. What is the only acceptable answer to question 2 above? Why?
5. What is our role in government? What are Scriptures that provide the guide to our answers?
 1. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 – What is (are) the role(s) stated or implied?
 2. 1 Peter 2:13-14 – What is (are) the role(s) stated or implied?
 3. Romans 13:1-7 – What is (are) the role(s) stated or implied?
6. When can we disobey or stand up against government? What Scripture backs up your answer? (Acts 4:18-20)
7. How should we live in light of what we owe to God?
8. How does being an image bearer of God help us answer the basic questions in life of ...
 1. Who am I?
 2. Why am I here?
 3. Where am I going?

How do these affect the way we live?



Application

- Evaluate where you are in answering the 3 questions on discussion point 8. Submit to God’s authority in your life and trust Him with the answers to life’s most important questions.