

KINGDOM

SERMON SERIES

STUDY NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Politics and the Kingdom

1 Would you consider yourself politically engaged or unengaged and why?

2 Without getting into political debate or sidetracked what is a recent political topic you felt strongly about? Leaders, have people just mention it and then leave it without why or what as you may find you lose all your time? How have you seen passion lead to blind spots in people's lives?

3 Read Luke 20:20-26. How does Jesus get presented with a this or that, left or right, pigeon holing question? How would a fight Caesar have got him in trouble, and how would a support Caesar have gotten him in trouble?

4 How does Jesus apply his Kingdom to the question of allegiance to a worldly Kingdom? How does God's Kingdom transcend nations and people groups and boundaries?

5 We can get the idea that the way to make the world more Christian is to make more laws and policy's Christian. How is this incomplete when it comes to the Kingdom of God? How does John 18:36 apply? Does the Kingdom of God pursue the heart or a law?

6 Why do you think Christians want to hold majority and influence in politics, and why do you think history is so full of stories of that going poorly? Do you have positive examples of Christians holding political power well? Why was that?

7 As you think about letting the King form you and how you do what you do, how would that apply to the area of politics and being politically involved?

8 Read Jeremiah 29:7 and 1 Timothy 2:1-2. As you think about seeking the good of the nation you are in, how can you do that well? How might one do that poorly.

9 Read Hebrews 11:13-16, 1 Peter 1:11 and Philippians 3:20. As you think about being an exile, living in a country not your own, how does that apply to a Christians involvement and commitment to a particular Nation, political leader, or party?

As you think of allegiance to a country, leader, or party...how would the Kingdom of heaven and Jesus words in Luke 20:25 challenge or alter our allegiance? Are you area of problems with your own political party of choice and good attributes of the political party that is not your choice, if so, what are those?



Luke 20:19-26, John 18:36

Luke 20:19-26

Paying Taxes to Caesar

19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. **20** So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. **21** So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. **22** Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” **23** But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, **24** “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” **25** He said to them, “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” **26** And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

John 18:36

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”
