

· Jesus: Taxes & Other Responsibilities - Matthew 22:15-22

Ideas for an intro

- Taxes are not something I really enjoy. On one hand, I get that our taxes pay for a lot of things. Some taxes may affect the people that pay them. Some taxes benefit people that cannot afford to pay and some taxes benefit everyone. Regardless of what you may think about taxes or the economy or public policy, taxes affect everyone. In this passage, we'll see what Christ says about taxes

A Biblical Passage to focus on

1. Read Matthew 22:15-22

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

2. Which group of people are found together in this passage? (v. 15)
3. Why are they meeting?
4. What do they do? (v. 16)
5. How do they talk to Jesus? (v. 17)
6. What is the question that they ask? (v. 17)
7. What does Jesus know? (v. 18)
8. What does Jesus call these people?
9. What does he ask them?
10. What does Jesus use to help answer the question? (v. 19)
11. How does this help to address the question? (v. 20-21)
12. How does the crowd react to Jesus' answer? (v 22)

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. Who are some people (or people groups) who are opposed to you/your team/your club/ministry? Why might they be against you?
2. What are some topics/subjects that you, your team your club/ministry might need to be careful about addressing?
3. What does your reputation say about you?
4. What is your team's/Ministry's/Club's reputation?
5. Which unbelievers/groups would make time to approach you/your team/ your club/ministry?
6. When was the last time they went out of their way to find you?
7. What are some things when it comes to local authorities (government, school, local) that you need to volunteer, give or provide? When was the last time you did that?

Application Concepts

1. Ask around about your reputation.
2. Ask around about the reputation of your team/ministry/club
3. Share with your ministry/club/team about the reputation you all have.
4. Check for anything that you have been asked /required to do by those in authority and get them done in an excellent and timely manner.

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Review what is being asked for by the authorities that are over you, provide that to the best of your ability. (If possible, faster and better.)
2. Help someone who needs someone impartial.