

INSIDE 5 God-Tax

IDE 0 MATTHEW 22:15-22

I. TRAP: _____ Jesus!

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians ... vv. 15-16a

II. TAX: _____ discloses ownership and submission.

... saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. vv. 16b-22

III. TEACHING: You are God's _____ God!





1. What items that taxes pay for do you agree with? What kinds of things could governments do to make their citizens less opposed to paying taxes?

2. Read Matthew 22:15-22. In practical terms, how do we live as citizens of two kingdoms? How do we render to God our whole being (Deut 6:5) while at the same time fulfilling our responsibility to the nation and state we live in?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:
Matthew 22:21
"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

JOURNAL:
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3. Read Romans 13:1-7. When the apostle Paul penned the letter to the Romans, he was under the government of Rome during the reign of Nero, perhaps the most evil of all the Roman emperors. Despite this, how did Paul still recognize the Roman government's rule over him? Why would God require that His people submit to the government, even one that is corrupt?

4. Read Acts 5:27-29. Give an example of a case where the Christian would intentionally disobey the law of the land.

5. What obligation to your country or to the kingdom of God do you feel you've neglected? How can you rectify that in the near future?

"Every Christian has a double citizenship. Christians are citizens of the country in which they happen to live. To it they owe many things. They owe the safety against lawless people which only settled government can give; they owe all public services. To take a simple example, few are wealthy enough to have a lighting system or a cleansing system or a water system of their own. These are public services. ... Because Christians are men and women of honor, they must be responsible citizens; failure in good citizenship is also failure in Christian duty."

WILLIAM BARCLAY

JOURNAL Matthew 22:15-22

How does showing disrespect toward the government ultimately show disrespect toward God?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

WOMEN IN THE WORD We all want to walk with Jesus in the right way, yet how do we live out this desire when we are broken, tempted to choose wrongly or even unaware of our mistakes? The book of James offers practical and relevant ways to live faithfully in specific situations. Women in the Word's new series, Living Wisdom, begins this Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/women.

BAND OF BROTHERS The book of Genesis is more than stories; it's a history of God's sovereign plan to offer redemption to all of us. How did this cosmic story of salvation begin? Discover the answer with us in Band of Brothers this fall as we jump into a new series, In the Beginning, starting this Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more about times and locations by visiting ccbcfamily.org/men.

GROWING STRONG Join Pastor Andy Bowen as he teaches an 11-week guided Bible study on personal spiritual growth. Dig deep into God's Word and discover how to apply Scripture to everyday moments and struggles. Begins next Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:45 a.m. in The Den. Visit ccbcfamily.org/events to register today.

AVENEW Starting next Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m., join us to discover God's mission for your relationship and learn practical ways to love and honor one another. From dating and engaged couples to newly married, grow in your walk with God and with each other. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/avenew.

GRIEFSHARE If you have lost a loved one, we are so sorry. Healing starts when people can talk about their grief, meet others who are dealing with similar circumstances and acquire valuable resources that can be used daily. The GriefShare group meets weekly for 10 weeks starting Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Email AdelaideR@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

COUPLES PRAYER RETREAT Friday through Sunday, Sept. 16-18, Dr. Ef Salcedo will lead a couples' prayer retreat at Beaumont Ranch. Enjoy a weekend of prayer and discipleship as you and your spouse grow closer to God and one other. Go to ccbcfamily.org/events.

SIDE-BY-SIDE If you want to bless young women as they grow in their faith, join us Saturday, Sept. 24 for this Side-by-Side workshop. Learn how to disciple others and hear testimonies of women who know how to deepen another woman's walk with God. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY We're excited to offer Kids Ministry classes for hundreds of kids every Sunday, and more volunteers are needed to help us teach them about Jesus! Share the gospel with opportunities for parents and kids alike to grow in their faith on Sunday morning. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/kids.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCWC to 833-422-7200 to get started.