



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 26, 2023

### Sermon Text Luke 20:19-26

*[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.*

### Discussion Questions

1. In this week's passage, the hypocrisy of the Jewish religious leaders and the hollowness of their faith are a warning to us not to become like them. What are the dangers of hearing the Word of God week in and week out but never applying His word to our lives? Describe what this does to a person's heart and soul.
2. It is a simple thing to use the language of Christianity but never truly believe. What is the foolproof way to know whether a person is truly saved? How about you? What is the fruit in your life?
3. The Jewish leaders sent spies to flatter and "butter up" Jesus in order to manipulate and trap Him. But none of these tactics worked. Why do you think flattery never works on Jesus or on godly people? On the flip side, why does manipulative flattery work well on prideful insecure people?
4. Jesus tells the Jews to render to Caesar what is Caesar's. Explain how submission to a secular governmental authority reveals an even greater faith and submission to God's authority.
5. The main point of the passage is found in v.25 where it says, "**render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's**". What is Jesus' point? What things should be rendered to Caesar, and what things to God and why? For you personally, what things do you need to render unto God?