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## Image Bearing

**Matthew 22:15-22 | Session 9.43**

### Before the Session

- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at [faithelement.net](http://faithelement.net).

### Context

Start by asking:

- How do you feel about taxes?
- When was the last time you heard someone say that they felt that they should pay more taxes?
- How do you think a citizen feel about the concept of taxes?

Play Homer's taxes and ask:

- What about this video rings familiar to you and why?
- How precise do you think people should be when working on their taxes and why?
- Why do you think so many people wait till the last minute to pay taxes?

## Content

Read [Matthew 22:15-22](#), then watch the Bible Background Video.

Ask questions like:

- In what ways did Jesus' opponents use taxes to create a debate or a puzzle (and not just in this narrative)?
- Why would the followers of the law work with the people supporting the government?
- What do you think of how the leaders tried to compliment Jesus in order to get Jesus say something wrong?
- How do you think the ideas of the Pharisees (such as an image on a coin being idolatry and the probable claim of divinity by the Roman emperor on the coin) factored into this discussion?
- How do you think the leaders felt about Jesus' powerful answer to the question?

## Closure

Play the [Render unto Caesar movie clip](#) and ask:

- How seriously does Tony Stark take the things that belong to Caesar?
- How seriously does he probably take the things that belong to God?
- If we are to give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, what things are we to give back to God?
- In what ways does our status as citizens of an earthly nation properly relate to our citizenship in a heavenly kingdom?
- How can we be the image of God as we balance our two citizenships?
- What would it look like if we are we giving to God those things that belong to God?

Close in prayer.

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