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session page

Image Bearing

Matthew 22:15-22 | Session 9.43

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithement 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 faithement.net.

Context (From the Mind Session Page)

Begin by asking:

- When do you tend to think of the number of people and things you "owe" something to – and not just money, but time, energy and loyalty?
- What are the most common things to which many of us owe our money, time, energy, and loyalty?
- How do we determine the order of importance for these things?
- How do we prioritize when two loyalties come into conflict?
- In what ways do our priorities show themselves?

Content (From the Current Session Page)

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

Ask questions like these:

- Why do you think the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus during a discussion of money?
- How are these people looking for Jesus to align his thoughts with what they understand as "truth"?
- When have you experienced something that felt like this kind of a trap?
- Imagine that you were standing there when Jesus talked about the coin. How might you have reacted to his response?
- In what ways does Jesus demonstrate getting right to the heart of the matter, even in this response to those who would trap him?
- When have you similarly had an image suddenly gain new meaning for you in the way you understand God in the world?
- The Bible background video says: "As people of faith, we know that all we are and own belongs to God. And all things we do are to be offered to God." What might that look like?

Closure (from the Media Session page)

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.