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Image Bearing

Matthew 22:15-22 | Session 9.43

Before 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.
- Materials needed: Enough pennies for every group member to have twenty
- 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.

Context

Read aloud [Matthew 22:15-22](#) then share the Bible Background Video

This reflection is a visio divina i.e. a visual meditation/prayer time that accompanies a conversation with God.

Reflection

Give each person twenty pennies and invite the group to a silent reflection time as follows:

- Take the pennies and divide them according to the ballpark percentages of how you spend your money. You can decide to spend your money on whatever categories you wish, but include one category as "God's."
- After you have arranged your pennies in your categories, take some moments to consider what is in front of you.
- Pay attention to the thoughts and feelings that surface for you.
- Acknowledge God's presence with you as you ponder.
- What things come to mind that you can share with God?
- What response does God seem to give, if any?
- Feel free to rearrange your pennies at any time as your reflection continues.
- Continue reflecting with God and noting any insights, challenges or struggles.
- When you have come to a place where you want to end the prayer, spend a few moments and just rest in God's presence.

Give volunteers an opportunity to share their reflection experiences, creating a safe, confidential space for people to share where no one need comment on, fix, or advise anyone else as he or she shares.

Close with a prayer.

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