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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.
- Review and prepare some questions from the web sites mentioned in the Context section.
- Listen to the FaithElement podcast for this session.
- Use the social media prompts on this session's webpage to help youth begin engaging the session ahead of their gathering.
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at faithelement.net.

Intro

Play the [Wayne's World movie clip](#) and ask:

- What did you think of this clip and why?
- What is your impression of athletes or celebrities endorsing products they probably never use?
- What athletes or celebrities do you most identify with the products they sell and why?

Context

Pull up a website that has trick questions, such as dumb.com or rootreport.com and survey your group and see how many of them can guess the correct answers. After some time of asking questions and receiving answers ask:

- Which questions were you upset with yourself for getting wrong and why?
- What made some of these questions pretty tricky to answer?
- In what ways have people tried to trick you?
- How do you feel about being tricked and what do you do about it?
- What are some things about which you are most concerned about being tricked and why?

Content

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

Ask your group:

- What makes this question to Jesus a trap question rather than simply a legitimate question?
- How might Jesus have gotten into trouble with his possible answers?
- Why was this a question that was meant to trick Jesus, specifically?
- Why was Jesus answer so shocking to them?
- In Jesus' answer, why was it important to be loyal to Caesar or to God?
- What does it mean to "give to God what is God's?"

Closure

Play the Ricky Bobby commercials (Stop at 1:05 to avoid some bleeped out profanity) and ask:

- When you look at this parody of a NASCAR driver, what impression do you get of where his loyalties lie and why?
- Think of the products you most use during the day. To what corporations, companies, teams, government entities do those products belong?
- In what ways is it tempting to find your identity in those things?
- What does your life look like when allegiance is shown to them?
- What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- What happens if that becomes the identity of your life?
- What would change if you truly gave to God what is God's?

Close this session in prayer.

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