

God & Government

Series: What Would Jesus UNdo?

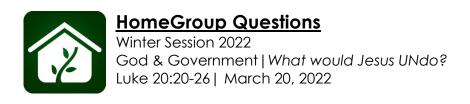
A TRICK QUESTION

Luke 20:20-26

WHEN IT COMES TO GOD AND GOVERNMENT...

Luke 20:25

- Jesus wants to <u>UNDO</u> spiritual exemption (I'm above the law)
 - o The clear teaching of Scripture
 - o The corban excuse
- Jesus wants to <u>UNDO</u> forced fusion (My politics is my religion)
 - o A place for Matthew and Simon
 - Pacifists and Patriots
 - Jesus wants to <u>REDO</u> our highest allegiance (God is most important)
 - o The image that matters
 - Death and taxes



- 1. If your group is new, or if any new members have joined you this session, take some extra time to get acquainted.
- 2. It's been said, Nothing is certain but death and taxes. What would you add to this list? (feel free to be serious or silly).
- 3. Read Luke 20:20-26 and review the outline. What surprised you from this passage or the message? What are you still thinking about?
- 4. Jesus' answer astonished the crowd and silenced his opponents. One way to highlight the brilliance of Jesus' answer, imagine other answers He could have offered? How could almost any other answer backfired?
- 5. What do you think the spies expected Jesus to say? What do you think they hoped He would say?
- 6. Doug said that Christianity has historically held that believers should only break the law when it violates a deep moral issue or prohibits who we worship (See Acts 5:28-29). While this rarely happens, what are some examples from history?
- 7. God's people are not free to exempt themselves from a law simply because they don't like it or agree with it (see Romans 13:1-6). How does Jesus' instructions on taxes in this passage speak to that?
- 8. Amazingly, even though Matthew and Simon the Zealot were on opposite sides of the political spectrum, both of them were included among Jesus' disciples. How should someone who holds strong political convictions deal with believers who feel differently than the do?
- 9. Consider Jesus' second admonition in verse 25: Give back to God what is God's. Is there an area in your life, that you may previously not considered, that you think God wants you to give back to Him? Share it with your group along with any other prayer requests.