

Jesus Unexpected--Politics

Text: Matthew 22:15-22

Purpose: To look at how Jesus engaged the politics of His day and how we can have a right balance of living in this world and God's kingdom to come.

Opening Question: If you could change one thing about the world, what would you change?

Read and Discuss: Matthew 22:15-22

1. *What were the Pharisees hoping to accomplish by asking Jesus about paying taxes?*
2. *How does Jesus' response help us to engage our world and politics?*
3. *What does an unhealthy engagement of politics for Christians look like? Examples?*
4. *How should Christians interact with others who vote differently than them?*
5. *Is it fair to judge someone's Christianity based on their political affiliation? Can a Christian be on either side of political parties?*
6. *What does Jesus' kingdom look like? How can we daily help usher in the Kingdom of God?*