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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of October 9th // Conversation October 15th

Taxes for Caesar

There were many times in Jesus's ministry when religious leaders tried to trap Him with trick questions and find reasons to arrest Him. This week, we're going to look at one of these examples regarding paying taxes to Cesar.

pray.

In John 8:31, "Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples". If we are true disciples of Jesus, we should abide or remain in His Word too. As you get ready to dive into Scripture, pray to the Lord that He will help you stay in the Word of God and remain there to stay tethered to the true vine.

observe.

01 Put a  over every reference to Jesus including pronouns.

02 Put a  over every reference to Caesar.



Luke 20:20-26 (NLT)

²⁰ Watching for their opportunity, the leaders sent spies pretending to be honest men. They tried to get Jesus to say something that could be reported to the Roman governor so he would arrest Jesus.

²¹ “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you speak and teach what is right and are not influenced by what others think. You teach the way of God truthfully.²² Now tell us—is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

²³ He saw through their trickery and said, ²⁴ “Show me a Roman coin. Whose picture and title are stamped on it?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied.

²⁵ “Well then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”

²⁶ So they failed to trap him by what he said in front of the people. Instead, they were amazed by his answer, and they became silent.



interpret.

01 What was the intent of the leaders who sent the spies? What were they trying to do?

02 What were the spies pretending to be? Do you think their question is an honest one?

03 What was the example Jesus gave to answer their question? What did He ask for?



interpret.

04 Whose face was on the coin? Who owns the coin if his face is on it?

05 How did Jesus answer their question?

apply.

01 What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar”?

02 As Christians, how can we apply this story to our lives today? Specifically when it comes to our money and our taxes. Who is our “Caesar” today?

apply.

03 How can you “give to God what belongs to God” in your life today?

bring it together.

The leaders were trying to entrap Jesus and get Him to say something incriminating so He would be arrested. Their intent was not honest and they weren't asking for true knowledge.

If Jesus said not to pay taxes to Caesar, He could get arrested. If He said pay taxes to Caesar, the Jewish zealots (those who opposed Roman rule) would be offended by His answer.

Jesus's answer was very clever and answered the question a bit indirectly. He directed their attention to the image on the Roman coin. The image belonged to Caesar, and thus things that belong to Caesar should be given to Caesar.

Where do we find the image of God? Who bears it? It's man! In Genesis, God said, "Let Us create man in Our image" (Gen 1:26). So as image bearers of God, we should give to God what is God's.

Jesus's answer was enough to silence the spies and put an end to the conversation.

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