

Matthew 22v15-22

1. Should Christians strike? Why or why not?
2. What are the different ways we can relate to government (e.g. total unthinking obedience)?

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3. What are the motives behind the question the religious leaders ask? What does that reveal about the religious leaders?
4. Why is it a dangerous question for Jesus to answer?

5. How does Jesus answer the question and what is he teaching in that answer?

6. The early church Matthew writes his gospel account for are still living under Roman rule. What is Jesus teaching them about how they do so?

7. What is this teaching us in terms of our attitude to government?

8. So can a Christian go on strike?

9. There are 3 main dangers with our attitude to government, how does this correct each one?

a. Unthinking obedience to authority/government

b. Cynicism and rebellion against authority/government

c. Seeing a new government as the hope for a better world

10. Which of those is your natural default? How does this passage challenge that?

11. What will it look like for you this week to “*give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s*”?