

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

50. What Do I Owe to Caesar? What Do I Owe to God?

Mark 12:13-17

Discussion Questions

Chris

1. Jesus challenged those who would question Him with the words, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Jesus gave this answer because His target was their heart. He wanted them to stop and think, not of what they have held back from Caesar, but of what they have held back from God? In this light, what things have you held back, what is God's in your life? What parts of your life, of your heart still need to be given over to Him?
2. What does it mean that you are made in the image of God (Imago Dei)?
3. If we are truly made in the image of God, how should that affect the way you live your life and how you navigate the world in which you live?
4. How should it influence how you interact and cooperate with the governing authorities (local, state, and federal)? How you interact with God?

Travis

1. Don't you love that the smartest and brightest who set out to trap Jesus failed? How does it encourage that Jesus saw right through their schemes and conniving ways?
2. This trapped seemed as if there was no way out. It seemed as if there were only two choices. The same was true when the religious leaders threw the adulterous woman at the feet of Jesus. In both cases, Jesus demonstrated nothing is impossible for God. The question is, do you believe that in the circumstances you find yourself in today?