

Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sermon Questions

Date: *February 26, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 12:13-17*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What stands out to you on this reading? Are there any details you hadn't noticed before?
2. What is the trap the Pharisees and Herodians lay for Jesus? How do their compliments try to trap him? How do their questions try to trap him?
3. What does it mean to be made in the image and likeness of God?
4. What does being made in the image of God tell us about our worth?
5. What alternative metrics do people use to measure their worth? Which ones do you tend to default to? How does being made in the image of God free us from those metrics?
6. How does Jesus model giving to God what is God's?

Inward Grace in Action

All of us have some level of tolerance for stomaching authority. We'll be compliant and submissive where we can, but at a certain point, we draw the line. Rome can tax us to a certain point, but when it starts digging too deep into our pockets, we pull out our pitchforks. We all have at least one little corner of our lives where we build a castle and put up "NO TRESPASSING" signs.

When we view authority like Jesus, we can actually find joy in letting go of control. We can freely give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar because our value is not tied to our own possessions or power. And we can freely give our whole lives to God because he loves us and knows what he created us for.

- What's in that corner for you? What are you defending? Where do you draw the line?
- What might it look like to surrender that corner to Jesus and to trust him with your whole life?

ACTION: Share with your group those specific things you are afraid to put into God's hands. Commit to praying this week for God to loosen your grip on that thing and strengthen your trust in him.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-31
- Psalm 67
- Isaiah 53:1-6
- Luke 20:19-26
- Philippians 2:3-11
- Hebrews 12:1-2

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for our ministry partner Africa Inland Church Tanzania and the 183+ churches whose women we gave Bibles to, that they find joy and clarity in God's Word.

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- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org