

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: March 8, 2026
SPEAKER: Peter Bergeson

TITLE: Render to Caesar; Render to God
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:15-22

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is the most valuable thing you own (besides your home/car)? Does it belong to you, or do you feel like you are just taking care of it for a while?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. When you read this passage, what stands out to you about the attitude or motives of the Pharisees and Herodians? What do you notice about how they approach Jesus?
2. Why do you think the question about paying taxes to Caesar was such a big deal in that culture? What made it such a clever trap?
3. Why do you think Jesus asked to see the coin instead of just answering the question directly? What do you think He wanted them to notice?
4. The coin had Caesar's image on it. What does it mean that we bear God's image (Genesis 1:26-27)? How does that connect to what Jesus says here?
5. How would you explain the phrase, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's," in your own words?
6. What does this passage teach us about how we should relate to government and authority today? Where can that feel challenging?
7. In everyday life, what does it look like to truly give God what belongs to Him? Is there an area where that feels especially personal or convicting?

APPLICATION

1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
4. Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do?
5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text.
Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 7:12 - So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve 1x every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found online! www.fccnr.org

-EASTER AT FCC

Join us on Friday, April 3rd at 6pm for our Good Friday Service, and Sunday, April 5th at 8:30am or 11am for Worship on Easter Sunday!

-EASTER BRUNCH

Want to help with Easter Brunch? We are looking for help with set up/clean up and food donations! Scan this QR Code to be taken to the signup genius! THANKS!

-BAPTISM

Are you ready to take this next step of obedience and get Baptized? We would love to meet with you! Register on the events tab of the website!

