

Bible Study Questions 12th June 2025 - Luke 20:20-26

Discussion Starter

It's that time of year again—tax time. Most of us aren't thrilled to do our returns, even when there's a refund at the end. Why do you think people are so reluctant to pay taxes—even though we benefit from roads, hospitals, and emergency services?

What's something you wouldn't mind paying for because it reflects your values?

Introduction

Jesus has been set up by the religious leaders who are trying to trap Him with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. His response isn't just clever or smart, but it is deeply spiritual. He reframes the issue from political allegiance to divine ownership.

Read Luke 20:20-26

What stands out to you, or what do you notice? What questions are raised for you? What challenges you?

Questions

- 1. Jesus asks: "Whose image and inscription are on it (the coin)?" What is the deeper implication of Jesus' question? If the coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image, what belongs to God?
- 2. How do we recognise God's image in ourselves and others? What does it mean to 'give to God what is God's' in this context?
- 3. The world tells us to "get" as much as we can, but Jesus calls us to "give". How do you see that tension in your own life?
- 4. How do we guard against giving becoming legalistic or transactional? How do we make sure our giving stays an act of worship?
- 5. The message mentioned four benefits of giving from John 3:16; Matthew 6:21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; & Malachi 3:10. Which one do you resonate with the most? Why?

Application

• Jesus' call to "give to God what is God's" is not limited to our finances, what other areas of our life do we need to "give" or handover to him?