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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Outside of Jesus, who has had the greatest influence on your values and the way you see the world?
2. When you think about someone who genuinely reflects the character of Jesus, what stands out about that person's life?

Read Matthew 22:21-22

- 3) Why did the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to trap Jesus with their question about paying taxes? What does their scheme reveal about the relationship between political power and religious conviction?
- 4) Why does the image on the coin matter to his response? How does this question connect with the biblical teaching that human beings are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–27)?
- 5) How does this desire for independence from God distort our understanding of freedom, power, and human flourishing?
- 6) What characteristics of worldly power might cause human beings to become less like Christ? How does Jesus' way of exercising authority challenge those characteristics?
- 7) What competing loyalties in contemporary life can tempt Christians to place something alongside Jesus as their ultimate authority? How can we recognize when a good or legitimate commitment has become an idol?
- 8) How can Christians participate constructively in civic life while remembering that their ultimate allegiance belongs to Christ? What boundaries might faithful discipleship require?