



Series: Questions Jesus Asked

Passage: Luke 20:20-26; 15:1-7; Matthew 18:10-14

Title: Questions Jesus Asked, Part 5

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Discussion Starter – What did this week's message and the questions Jesus asked reveal to you about God's plan for how you should be living your life?

Read Luke 20:20-26

- 1) What seemed to be the ingenuous plan the priests and scribes came up with in asking what Jesus thought if it was lawful for the Jews to pay taxes to Caesar? How did their statements in verse 21 reveal their true motivation in asking that question?
- 2) What was Jesus' first response to their question? How does this response disarm the craftiness of the scribes by this encounter?
- 3) What can you learn from this first question about engaging with a person who has a crafty motivation or a dishonest question? How do you think Jesus would have responded if their question had come from a sincere motivation?
- 4) What does the metaphor of a coin with Caesar's image reveal to you about your standing with your Creator and God's view of you?
- 5) Explain what it means for you to be created in the image of God?
- 6) What characteristics of God's image might be getting lost, hidden, or altered in your life?
 - a) What are some of the things in your life that you might not be rendering to God?
 - b) Are there areas of your life that you are hiding from God? Why?

Read Luke 15:1-7, Matthew 18:10-14 and Ezekiel 34:11-16

- 7) What question does Jesus ask in Luke 15:4?
- 8) How is God's commitment to His lost sheep described in this Ezekiel passage? What are some things He promises to do for the sheep once they are recovered?
- 9) Read John 12:27. Why is Jesus' soul troubled in this passage? What is He facing? Why is He facing it?
- 10) What question does Jesus ponder as His soul is troubled? What answer does He come to?
 - d) What does His conclusion reveal about His commitment to faithfully complete His redemption of you and your restoration to the image in which you were created?
 - e) Knowing the power of God and His commitment to gather and transform you fully into His image, what are some of the reasons why you might hesitate to run to Him and render your all to Him?