

Small Group Discussion Guide  
Week of 4/3/16

Read Matthew 22:15-22 together.

1. Read Genesis 4:8-24 and Genesis 11:1-9. what seems to be motivating mankind governmental and organizational efforts? Do we see this type of thing elsewhere in the Bible (See Exodus 1:8-11, 1 Samuel 8:1-22)? What examples of this do we see in modern times?
2. In contrast, how did God's plan to set the world in order begin (See Genesis 12:1-3, 13:14-17, 17:1-8)? How was it fulfilled (See Acts 2:22-36)?
3. In what ways do the Kingdoms of Christ and the Kingdoms of this world differ (See Matthew 20:20-27, Luke 6:27-36)?
4. What are the inherent pitfalls of assuming Jesus is aligned with your particular political position (See Joshua 5:13-15, Ephesians 1:15-22 [esp. vv. 21-22])?
5. What does it look like in your life to give back to God the things that are God's?

Pray together...

That we be cleansed of every pursuit of power, status, wealth and influence that does not result in glory being lavished upon God.

That we would hold all political positions and opinions loosely, in the context of God's kingdom and our true heavenly citizenship.

For the needs in the group.