



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | Does your citizenship on earth reflect your citizenship of heaven?

Matthew 22:15-22 (NLT)

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. ¹⁶ They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don’t play favorites. ¹⁷ Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus knew their evil motives. “You hypocrites!” he said. “Why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Here, show me the coin used for the tax.” When they handed him a Roman coin, ²⁰ he asked, “Whose picture and title are stamped on it?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

“Well, then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”

²² His reply amazed them, and they went away.

Be wise, and don't compromise.

"Compromise is the devil's word." - A.W. Tozer

Add Notes

Participate in, don't prioritize, your citizenship on earth.

Romans 12:21 (NLT)

²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Romans 13:1 (NLT)

¹ Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

Prioritize, don't just participate in, your citizenship of heaven.

Hebrews 11:13-16 (NLT)

¹³ All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. ¹⁴ Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. ¹⁵ If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. ¹⁶ But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

- 1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?*
- 2. Talk about a time in your life when you found yourself prioritizing worldly obligations over your devotion to God. How did that affect your spiritual life?*
- 3. Why can it be easy for us to get sucked into the arguments of the world and start compromising our values as Christians?*
- 4. Reflecting on Matthew 22:21, how do you currently balance participating in society with prioritizing your relationship with God? Where do you feel tension in maintaining this balance?*
- 5. What does it mean to have your citizenship of Earth reflect the citizenship of Heaven?*
- 6. Where are you most tempted to compromise your beliefs, and how can you seek wisdom to stand firm?*

7. How can we remain faithful and continue to keep our priorities focused on bringing people to Jesus? Where in your life do you need to adjust your priorities to focus more on our mission as Christians?