

Luke 20:20-26 /// Week of May 21

Today's big idea: Political conversations can be gospel opportunities.

**The most important Guideline today is, Don't Fix and Don't Rescue. Remember the focus on the series is not on what you believe but HOW you speak and listen. Help protect the members of your group from fixing what they hold to politically.**

- It has been said that you should never discuss religion, politics and money. What thoughts do you have about this idea?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

**This is a relatively short Bible story. This would be a great opportunity to invite someone new to share the Bible story this week.**

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus being questioned about the imperial tax to Caesar.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 20:20-26 in the Bible.
- What were the two potential answers that the "spies" were expecting Jesus to say? **Pay Caesar or pay God.**
- How would either of those answers trap Jesus in his words? **If it all belongs to God then that would be seen as treason against the king. If it all belongs to the king then it would be abandoning faith in God.**
- What did Jesus's response expose about the "spies" and about his politics?

Heart

**Again, focus on how we talk about politics. Do not allow your groups to become places of debate.**

- Are you actively engaged in the political arena? Why or why not?
- What concerns you most about how politics are discussed today?

Hands

**The sermon will focus on being Kingdom focused rather being Party focused. Help your group explore how they can stay focused on God's kingdom more than political party.**

- How can you engage political conversations in a way that might look like Jesus?
- How can we love people well even when we disagree on the political ideas we might have?
- Take some time before you pray to talk about and plan your Celebration Week next week.
- Pray for each other and political leaders on both sides of the aisle.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> is the last week for community group material. What is your group doing to celebrate all that God has been doing over the past 9 months?**

**If you anticipate multiplying your group talk to Naomi as soon as possible so that we can celebrate together! Multiplication Celebration Sunday is May 28<sup>th</sup>! If you have not talked with Naomi yet, please do this week.**

**SUMMER LEADER COMMUNITY GROUP Starts Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pastor Tim's house! Leaders, Apprentices and Coaches are invited to be a part of the Summer Leader CG. Check your emails for all the details this week (by 5/18).**

**Save the date! CGLT – Community Group Leadership Training  
Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12th**



## **Community Group Covenants - [hfcog.org](http://hfcog.org)**

### **Community Group Member Covenant**

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

### **Community Group Apprentice Covenant**

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

### **Community Group Leader Covenant**

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

### **Community Group Coach Covenant**

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.