

Luke 20:20-26

²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. ²¹ So the spies questioned him: “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. ²² Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ²³ He saw through their duplicity and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. ²⁵ He said to them, “Then give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s. ²⁶ They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent.

How Would Jesus Have Voted?
Discussion Questions

1. In the past, how has your faith influenced your voting decision? What did that discernment process look like?
2. Pastor Andrew told a story about an alligator keeping its snout above water. As we head into the next election, have you thought about your posture during that season (Are you going into it “ready to battle”, “hiding behind others”, “keeping your head above water”)?
3. Discuss the three postures mentioned in the sermon: a posture of grief; a posture of discernment; and a posture of hope. Did any of these postures challenge, convict, or encourage you?
4. Regarding discernment, how do you think the book of Proverbs can give us wisdom in living as Christians in a secular world?
5. Where are you currently placing your hope? Are we hoping in Christian morals without the Christian story?

If you would like to discuss the subject of Faith and Politics further with Pastor Andrew Stepp, feel free to email him at astepp@fpchouston.org.

If you want to learn more on this topic, check out the resources below:

- Article by Bruce Ashford, “Lessons from Father Abraham (Kuyper): Christianity, Politics, & the Public Square”
 - <https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/lessons-from-father-abraham-kuyper-christianity-politics-and-the-public-square>
- Article by Lance Morrow, “America is Addicted to Outrage. Is there a Cure?”
 - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/america-is-addicted-to-outrage-is-there-a-cure-1543620811>
- Podcast by Timothy Keller, “Arguing About Politics”
 - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/timothy-keller-sermons-podcast-by-gospel-in-life/id352660924?mt=2&i=1000080964657>
- *Lectures on Calvinism* by Abraham Kuyper
- *Uncommon Decency: Christian Civility in an Uncivil World* by Rich Mouw
- Read through the Book of Proverbs with your family at least once a year.