

Give What to Who?

Mark 12:13-17



Discussion Questions and Spiritual Practices

Questions:

Point 1 – The Trap of the Enemy vs. The Purposes of the Kingdom

Key Scripture: *1 Corinthians 10:13; Colossians 3:1–2*

When life corners you with no-win choices, how can you practice seeing the situation through the lens of God’s kingdom rather than fear or defeat—and what might “setting your heart on things above” look like in that moment?

Point 2 – Image & Ownership: You Bear God’s Image

Key Scripture: *Genesis 1:27; Colossians 3:10*

If you were to truly live as one stamped with God’s image rather than the world’s approval, how might that change how you view your identity, your worth, and your daily allegiances?

Point 3 – Render vs. Surrender: God Wants Your Life, Not Just Your Tithe

Key Scripture: *Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20*

What would it look like this week to “give back to God what is God’s” — not just through what you do, but through surrendering your heart, habits, and sense of ownership to Him?

Spiritual Practices for the Week

1. Allegiance Audit (30–45 min):

Open your calendar, budget, and browser history. Pray Psalm 139:23–24. Circle anything claiming first love. Confess, then make one concrete change (cancel/commit/redirect).

2. First Word / Last Word (Daily):

Before any screen, read Mark 12:13–17 and pray: “Father, You have my heart today. I return myself to You.” Before sleep, pray the Examen: Where did I give my heart away? Where did I give it to You?

3. Render Challenge (One act this week):

Choose one tangible “give back”: (a) Generosity—give to someone who can’t repay; (b) Presence—serve unnoticed; (c) Witness—name Jesus kindly but clearly in a conversation.