

Sunday Sermon Questions • 8/31/2025

Mark 12:13–17

Unlikely Alliances

Why do you think the Pharisees and Herodians—two groups with such opposing values—were willing to partner together against Jesus? What does this reveal about the lengths people will go when their hearts are hardened against Him?

Flattery vs. Truth

The leaders began with flattery, calling Jesus a man of integrity. Why do you think flattery was part of their trap? How can we discern when words of praise are genuine encouragement versus manipulation?

Caesar's Image, God's Image

Jesus pointed out Caesar's image on the coin and contrasted it with God's image on us. What does it mean to you personally to "bear God's image," and how does that change the way we live?

What Belongs to God

The coin belonged to Caesar, but Jesus said we must give to God what is His. What areas of your life do you find it hardest to surrender to God? Why?

Obedience and Stewardship

Jesus modeled perfect obedience by giving His life for us. How does His example challenge our views on ownership, stewardship, and generosity in daily life?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help us to see clearly what belongs to You—and that is everything. Give us the wisdom to honor earthly authorities where appropriate, but above all, give us hearts that joyfully surrender our time, talents, and treasures to You. May our lives reflect Your image and bring You glory. Amen.