

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

Death and Taxes, God and Government

Luke 20:19-26

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have you ever participated in some political or social movement only to discover later that it actually went against the teaching of Christianity? Share your experiences and what you've learned from them.

INTO THE BIBLE

Can you sympathize with why some Jews felt justified in not wanting to pay the tax mentioned in **Luke 20:19-26**?

Do you think it is possible that you might have taken the same position if you were a Jew alive at that time?

Read and share your thoughts on the following scriptures. **Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13.**

What does Jesus mean by "*render to God the things that are God's*"? What passages can you think of that might help us to understand what that might entail?

APPLICATION

How might such passages better inform our stand on participation in certain political or social agendas that we might feel passionately about?

How does our living "peaceful and quiet lives" impact how the world views Christians and Christianity. What affect does that ultimately have on evangelism?