

Sunday, March 19, 2017 - "Give & Live" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 20:19-47

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Jesus is doing away with political/social hierarchy
 - Kingdom of God = everyone the same
 - All valued and welcomed at the table
- In this passage the religious leaders make 2 attempts to trap Jesus
 - He answers with the WHAT: what do we do. how do we live.
 - He answers with the WHY: why we should do the "what"
- Paying a tribute to Caesar
 - No matter how Jesus answers → he will be wrong (or so they think)
 - He will be hated by people (for saying they have to pay taxes) or by Rome (for saying they shouldn't pay taxes)
 - Caesar Tiberius said he was the son of God
 - He was not good/moral/benevolent
 - Taxes + a horrible guy who claimed he was the son of God = really terrible for the Jewish people
 - But Jesus called the people and us to be obedient to and to honor our leaders even if they aren't honoring God (i.e. Tiberius)
 - He also calls us to give to God what is God's
 - Loving God
 - Loving our neighbor
- City of God vs. Earthly City
 - There are citizens of the city of God and citizens of an earthly city (one is good and holy and one is foul and selfish)
 - We are to bring hope to those who are still in the earthly city
 - These things exist in the same space and the same time
- What does this have to do with taxes?
 - Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:17
 - Obligation to honor our leaders
 - Jeremiah 29:4,7 - Seek the welfare of the city (even though the Jewish people were exiles in Babylon)
- But, WHY?
 - Attempt #2 to trip up Jesus is about marriage
 - Jesus is saying, it's not about marriage, it's about resurrection
 - All live to him
 - There are 2 cities BUT no dual citizenship - Doug Kempton
 - Life to the full is in God (not just eternally, but also in the present) JOHN 10:10
 - We are transformed by Jesus, His Spirit, Resurrection
 - It's a process for the sake of others
 - Revival = restoration to life/consciousness
- Resurrection brings life and life to the full through Jesus

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does giving God what is God's mean to you?
2. How is God challenging you to be obedient to or to honor your various leaders?
3. Like in Jeremiah 29, how is God calling you to "seek the welfare of your city"?
4. How does the idea that life to the full (John 10:10) begins now affect you?
5. Where do you need to see revival (restoration of life/consciousness) in your life/family/ministry?
6. How is God calling you to be hope to your neighbors who are not citizens of the "city of God" yet?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan - Mon: Exodus 17:1-7 Tues: Psalm 95 Wed: Romans 5:1-11 Thurs: John 4:5-42 Fri: Luke 21**

****5 Minutes Reading/5 Minutes Writing/5 Minutes Praying**