



Christians and Politics

Mark 12:13-17

Ice breaker: According to Sunday's sermon would Jesus be a Democrat or a Republican?

Connecting:

1. Read Mark 12:13-17. Who are the Pharisees and the Herodians? How did they differ in their politics? Why is the question they ask Jesus a trap?
2. How does Jesus answer their question? Why is this an amazing answer?
3. Do you think Christians should be involved in politics?

4. Galatians 5:22-23 mentions the "fruit" or characteristics that the Holy Spirit produces in the lives of Christians. Why is it important to remember these when discussing politics?

5. Read 1st Timothy 2:1-4. According to this passage what pleases God?

6. Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. These passages were written to Christians who were living under an empire that was oppressing them and occupying their land. What do these passages say about respect and honor toward leaders?

7. How is it possible to have civil dialogue with those of opposing political views?