

## Challenging Authority

Mark 12:13-17, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:11-17, Genesis 39-48, Acts 23:1-5

What we give to Caesar:  
Our respect, Our service, Our obedience

What we give to God: Our lives.  
Genesis 1:26-27, Acts 5:27-29, Romans 12:1-2

## Our Response-ibility

Mark 12:28-34/ Matthew 28:18-20/ Acts 1:8

The Great *Commandment*—We are called to love God and love our neighbor.

## Authority over our generosity

Mark 12:41-43 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-4/ 2 Samuel 24:24

It is my choice and it reflects my heart.

## The Four Guiding Principles Of Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:12 & 1 Corinthians 16:1-2/ 2 Samuel 24:24/ Proverbs 3:9-10/ 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

(1) Proportional (2) Sacrificial (3) A step of Faith (4) An act of Thanksgiving

## My intentional momentum:

I will love God First and best, my actions towards others is a reflection of my love for Him.

## NEXT STEPS

This week's message highlighted Authority. Our Response to Caesar (governmental authority), our response to Scriptural authority, and the inner authority of our heart over possessions in light of Jesus Christ.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Using the list below, how would you describe your connection with Jesus and his role in your life this past year? (circle any that apply)

- Helper
- Provider
- Distant
- Confusing
- New Friend
- Leader
- Unavailable
- Neglected
- Deepened Friendship
- New Understanding
- Other

Has your understanding of who Jesus is changed over time?  
If so, how?

Throughout history, people have questioned who Jesus is and the role he plays in the lives of those who follow him. Looking at how Jesus described himself can help us know him more personally and build our confidence in helping others understand who he is. Who does Jesus say he is in the following verses?

Matthew 11:29

Luke 22:27

John 6:35

John 14:2

John 8:12

John 15:5

Which of these verses catch your attention the most and why?

This week we looked at the Great commandment. What does Romans 12:10-21 teach us about improving our effectiveness in carrying out this commandment?

How is telling others about Jesus Christ and act of loving others as ourselves.

How do these verses help us be sensitive when sharing Jesus with others?

2 Timothy 2:22-26

1 John 3:18-20

When the Apostle Paul was in prison, he had all his freedoms taken from him. Despite this, Paul was intentional in praying for opportunities to share the Good News with others. Read Colossians 4:2-6 and summarize Paul's instructions in praying for others.

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?

## Prayer Requests