## SCC Small Group Discussion - Mark 12:13-17 Derived from a sermon on November 3, 2024 by Dr. Jeff Chandler

## **Getting Started:**

Of all the people with whom you have had a close relationship, who is the most consistent in living by the principles and practices they promoted?		
What was the impact of their consistency on you and others?		
Searching the Scriptures:		
1.	What good things do the Pharisees and Herodians say about Jesus before asking him a question? Do you think they believed any of what they were saying about Jesus? Why or why not?	
2.	Why would the question they asked Jesus to answer be a potential trap for him?	
3.	How was their hypocrisy revealed in the question they asked of Him?	
4.	What are some situations where a Christ follower might be forced to choose between doing what God says over and above what another authority figure is demanding of them?	

5.	Given how Jesus answered the question, what do you think he was saying?	
6.	In what ways can we ensure that our primary allegiance remains with God, even while fulfilling our duties as citizens? How do we balance these dual responsibilities in our daily lives?	
7.	Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17 also discuss the relationship between Christians and governing authorities. How do these passages complement or expand on Jesus' teaching in Mark 12:12-17?	
Application of Scripture:		
A.	Have you ever realized you were being hypocritical? What made you aware of this?	
B.	Can you think of a situation where you had to choose between following God's commands and adhering to societal expectations? How did you navigate that situation, and what was the outcome?	