

Read Luke 20:20-26

What comes to your mind when you hear the words ‘faith’ and ‘politics’ in the same sentence?

Some people have taken Jesus’ words in v25 to mean that there are two separate realms of authority’s – God’s and the governments. Why is this a flawed way of thinking? (check out Psalm 24:1 if you’re not sure).

What Jesus is saying is that earthly government has authority **under** the authority of God. God is ultimately responsible for establishing earthly government and they govern under his rule (Rom 13:1).

How does this change the way you think about Jesus’ words in v25?

Why does submitting to God mean submitting to the governing authorities? (have a read of Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17).

How can Christians place **too much emphasis** on having political influence and lobbying for laws that reflect biblical values? Why is this a problem?

How can Christians place **too little emphasis** on political engagement? What is the problem with this?

What does it look like for Christians to engage faithfully around political issues from a biblical perspective?

Why is it important not to attach the gospel to any one political party or political ideology?

How can the biblical concept of shalom (peace) guide us as we think about faith and politics?