Warm Up (15 minutes)

How many times does the word or numeral "one" appear on a one dollar bill (no cheating using google!) Compare answers (OK… now you can google it). Did you know that you can track your dollar bill with its serial number? Check out www.wheresgeorge.com

Read

Matthew 22:15-22

Digging Deeper (30 minutes)

1. What would the social or political consequences have been if Jesus simply said, "Pay Caesar"? "Don't pay"?
2. What does Jesus mean by His answer (v. 21)? What should we give to God? What is he teaching about the relationship of church and state? Which obligation is primary? Why?
3. In Matthew 21:23-27 Jesus asks the chief priests and elders a question of His own. Compare and contrast these two Q & A sessions. What's the big difference?

Life Application (15 minutes)

In your life, what belongs to Caesar? To God? How well are you giving to each?

Have one or two people share briefly about how they have experienced giving back to God what is God's.

PRAY (15 minutes – Or do this at the beginning of your group) Take a moment to share prayer requests that relate to the people in your group, and then pray for those needs.

The Context

The Conundrum

The Call