

## Between Your Ears - What Is Your Worldview?

MS 10.21.20

HS 10.28.20

### OVERVIEW:

Our series, "Between Your Ears," is all based on this principle: We live what we believe. Tonight, Micah challenges us to consider what we believe about government and how that impacts our worldview.

*Leaders, please respect the fact that this is a chance for us to point students to Christ, NOT to push our own political views. Let's model how we show respect for everyone's opinions and love each other, while not necessarily having to agree with each other.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was your view on government/politics prior to the message tonight? Has this message changed your view at all? If yes, in what ways?
2. Is the government evil?
3. What is a worldview? Does knowing our worldview matter? Why/Why not?
4. What is tolerance? Is tolerance a good thing or a bad thing? Give examples to back your answer.
  - Read Romans 12:18. How does this relate to tolerance? What's the difference between peace and tolerance?
5. How do we disagree in love? What does that look like?
  - Refer to Romans 14:1-12. This is a great example of how 2 followers of Christ might disagree on things, including things related to faith. However, it is important to note that they are disagreeing on "disputable matters," not on the non-negotiables (i.e., the gospel).
  - What about how we treat an unbeliever?
    - Read 2 Timothy 2:23-26. We are told to avoid arguments, be kind, and yet still share truth in gentleness.
    - The goal is to show the world the love of Christ, not to win every argument. Do you live this way?

### DIVE DEEPER:

Read Matthew 22:15-22 as a group.

- What is the meaning of Jesus' words: "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's"?
- In today's world, what is "Caesar's"? (What kind of things do we have to do because it's the government's right to require of us?)
  - Read Romans 13:1-7 to help answer the previous question.
  - What does it look like to submit to authority that you don't agree with?
- In today's world, what is God's?
  - Read the following verses to help answer the previous question:
    - I Corinthians 6:19-20
    - Psalms 24:1

- When reading this verse, most of us emphasize the part about Caesar and skip the part about God, which is exactly what the Pharisees were doing in the story! Often times, we find it much easier to submit to our governing authority, then it is for us to live as if all we are and all we have are God's.
  - What does it mean to live as if your life is not your own?

**GO EVEN DEEPER:** (If you don't have time for this but think your group would want to continue this discussion, feel free to use this in your small group time next week.)

Read Romans 6:15-23 as a group.

- What does this passage mean?
- This passage is clear that we are all slaves to something. What are the 2 options? (either slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness)
- When you are a slave to sin, who is your master?
- When you are a slave to righteousness, who is your master?
- What are the benefits of being a slave to God? (refer to verses 22-23)
- How would your life look different if you lived as if your life was not your own, but God's?