

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 7/19/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:15-22

LESSON: Following Jesus in a Polarizing Political Climate

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.

- Have political issues been a big deal on your social media or among your friends recently? How so? Have these issues been polarizing among your friends?
- **Read Matthew 22:15-17.** What do you remember that Jake said about this question and how important it is?
 - Can you think of questions that we are dealing with right now in our world that are just as divisive?
- **Read Matthew 22:18-22.** What point was Jesus making by saying this?
- Did what Jake said about living by a "third way" make sense to you? Explain.
- Do you think that Jesus or social media have more of an influence on the way that you see the world?
 - How do they differ in what they say about the world?
- What does it practically look like for us to let Jesus be the lens that we view the world through?