



Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Matthew 22:15-22

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Royal One, your kingdom is not of this world, and yet we must make our home here. Give us your guidance and wisdom to make good choices and live faithfully as your people on earth. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. (Matthew 22:21b-22)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees sought to trap Jesus in an argument about taxes. Jesus responded in the only way he could: by putting the onus back on them.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

If you could direct where all your tax dollars are going, where would you spend them?

How do you reconcile the things of God with the things of humanity? Where are there conflicts of values? Where do they align?

For the littles: Can you say the alphabet? Can you say the alphabet backward? Jesus came to help get our lives in order, just like the letters of the alphabet.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God set you right. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do some research to discover how your taxes are spent locally. Make a list of 3-5 items that you can support. Reflect on how knowing where your money is going can help make paying taxes slightly less... taxing.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
Tuesday, Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24
Wednesday, Psalm 63:1-8; Num. 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matt. 17:22-27
Thursday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16
Friday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deut. 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Saturday, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47