

The World After Easter: Jesus is Lord...and Ceasar is Not

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Welcome

- 1) Have you ever traveled to another country? If so, what was the biggest difference between that country and your home country?
- 2) What would you like to change about that foreign country to make it more like home?

Word

Read Philippians 3:20

- 1) If our citizenship is in heaven then what are we doing here on earth?
- 2) How does our work here on earth connect us with the prayer we pray (i.e. the Lord's Prayer)?
- 3) What are we expecting Jesus to come and do?

Read Philippians 2:6-11

- 1) What does God's act of exalting Jesus (i.e. the ascension) do for Jesus?
- 2) Based on his ascension, how should we respond to Jesus?
- 3) How does the ascension of Jesus dethrone earthly rulers (Caesars)?
- 4) What kind of trouble can we get into by pledging allegiance to Christ and not modern-day Caesars?
- 5) What are the key differences between the Gospel and "Civil Religion"?
- 6) What do we mean when we say "The kingdom of God is without coercion?"

Work

- 1) Do you feel the pressure to divide your loyalty between Christ and a modern-day Caesar? What would you say to a fellow Christ-follower who is feeling that pressure?
- 2) What steps do you need to take to solidify your allegiance to Christ?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 132 / Mon: 133 / Tue: 134 / Wed: 135 / Thur: 136 / Fri: 137 / Sat 138
- 2) Pray the Lord's prayer together
- 3) Pray for one another