



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: We Believe: Religious Liberty

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 5:12-42

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1. We are months removed from election season, but religious liberty and politics can still be a contentious conversation. Without speaking to politics, politicians, or issues, how are you responding to these topics today?
2. Why were the Pharisees and Sadducees unable to trap Jesus into saying the wrong thing (Matthew 22:15)?
3. “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). What does that mean in practical, everyday terms?
4. Read Acts 5:17–32. How did the high priest and Sadducees respond to God’s truth? Why?
5. What did putting the apostles in jail do to the truth of the statements (Acts 5:17-26)?
6. How did Peter and the others affirm the truth of God’s Word?
7. What consequences did they suffer for truth or truthfulness?
8. Read Acts 5:33–42. What pros and cons do you perceive from Gamaliel’s approach to this situation? Are you able to utilize this response in other circumstances within your life?
9. How did persecution affect the apostles and the church? Why?
10. How does the response of the apostles and the early church to persecution differ from the response of the American church?
11. “And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus” (Acts 5:42). How can we do the same this week? Is there anyone in particular you feel led to share with?