

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for July 6-7, 2019:  
*The American in the Mirror*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS  
Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What have you bought or signed up for that you wish you hadn't?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" 21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.*

**Matthew 22:15-22**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What has been your experience around political discussions recently?
- When have you experienced relationships being damaged or cut off because of strong or judgmental opinions? When is it right to speak up and when is it best to hold your tongue?
- How do you understand Jesus' call to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's?
- In order to have Kingdom influence in the life of another person, is it more important to be right or to be respectful?
- Take a moment to picture in your mind a person with whom you are in deep disagreement. Can you see them as a person of great value in the heart of God, a person for whom Jesus died? How might that change the way you interact with them?

- **SERVE** *others*

Reach out to someone with whom you are in disagreement. Reach out and offer to meet with them. Focus on listening to and understanding them without having to assert your opinion. Ask how you can be of support.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**