

Playing Chess With The King

Setting The Scene:

Luke 20

Checkmate Politics:

Luke 20:19-26, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:11-17,
Daniel 1-6, Genesis 39-48, Jeremiah 29:4-9, Acts 23:1-5

▶ What we give to Caesar:

√ Our **prayers**

√ Our **respect**

√ Our **service**

√ Our **obedience**

▶ What we give to God:

Genesis 1:26-27, Acts 5:27-29, Romans 12:1-2

√ Our **lives**

Checkmate Heaven:

Luke 20:27-40, Deuteronomy 25:5-7, John 6:40, 11:25, 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

▶ I really have **no clue**, but...

heaven will be **different** than we **think**,

and we won't be **disappointed**.

Taking It Home:

- ▶ If we really are made in God's image, and there really is a heaven, **let's live like it!**

TAKING IT HOME

1. This weekend Chris mentioned four things we're all required to give to Caesar. Which of those do you find the most challenging to give?

2. As you think about how you've engaged in expressing your political opinions, are there attitudes or actions that God has brought to mind that you want to look at more closely or change?

Prayer Requests:

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Taking It Home:

- ▶ If we really are made in God's image, and there really is a heaven, _____!



REAL MAN WEEKEND:

Our Real Man Weekend for the Oakbridge Experience is set for October 21-23. The weekend will include plenty of man event options (paintball \$40, golf \$55, sports, mountain biking, road biking, 4x4ing, sleeping & eating, etc.). Cost is \$169-199. The speakers are Bob Vernon & Sonny Herr. This event sold out last year. Space is limited. Don't delay! Register online at northcoastchurch.com.

CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS:

- 4 in a Room Value Pak - \$40 off total price
- Father/Son Value Pak - \$15 off per person

Growth Group Homework

For the week of October 9, 2011

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching "Playing Chess With The King", was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. What images, ideas or mental pictures did you have of heaven when you were in grade school?

In what ways has your image of heaven changed over the years?

2. Chris talked about the privileges and opportunities we enjoy by living in the United States. In light of either your travels to other countries or what you've seen or read about them, what are a few privileges and opportunities that are different or missing in those countries as compared to the United States?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. As Christians we hold dual citizenship – we're citizens of a specific country and citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20). Both "kingdoms" have certain citizenship responsibilities as well as privileges. In Ephesians 1:3-10, we read about some significant spiritual privileges that believers have. What are some ways these privileges could be lived out in everyday life?

2. One of the other privileges of being a citizen of God's kingdom is the promise of spending eternity in a place that will not disappoint us. Throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to live in light of that future. How do the following passages encourage us to live given our eternal destiny?

Matthew 6:19-21

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Matthew 13:44-45

3. One of the results of living in a country that enjoys as much freedom as we do is the right to have different opinions when it comes to how our country should be run. We are free to express our opinions, but we need to be careful to do so in a way that is respectful and loving. How could the following verses help shape how we communicate with those we disagree with?

Proverbs 12:17-18

Proverbs 15:1, 14

Proverbs 17:27

Proverbs 18:13

In what ways could the instructions in Matthew 5:43-48 help someone develop a better attitude toward those they differ with politically.