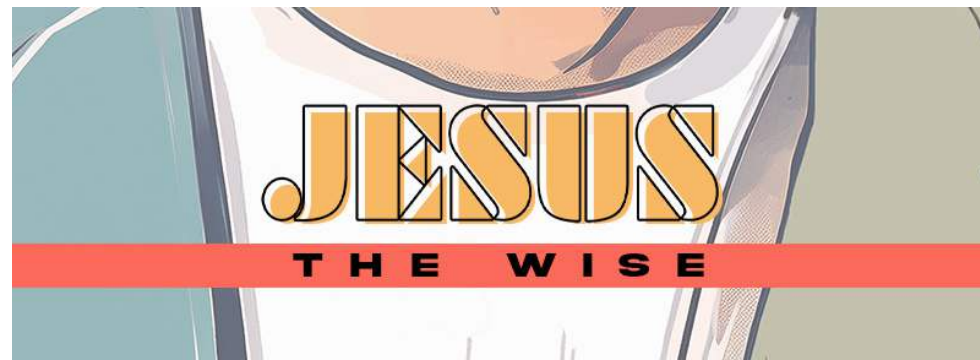


Serve and Share (S2) Reflection and Action:

November is "Month of the Family" in the Dominican Republic. Our Compassion center is hosting events to share God's design for the family and present the Gospel. Be praying for hearts to be open to the good news of Jesus, for families who are believers to keep Christ at the center, and for the Compassion center staff as they continue to invest and care for the families in their community.



Jesus, the Wise #5: Wisdom About Politics
Mark 12:13-17

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November 9, 2025

Notes:

Be the reason someone feels at home this Christmas and volunteer to serve in December. Stop by the lobby to learn more!

Join us on **Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.** to sing Christmas songs and drink hot cocoa. Volunteers needed. Invite your friends!



The Week of November 9, 2025

These questions are designed to guide you in your weekly Growth Group gathering. Discuss them with people in your life to help you deepen your faith and grow in community. Not in a Growth Group? Check out our open groups at foothillsbiblechurch.org/growth-groups.



Big Idea: Jesus said to acknowledge the role of government but to give your heart to God.

Prepare: Listen to the sermon (if you haven't already), read Mark 12:13-17 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4, and spend a few minutes praying for your group.

Connect: If your face were printed on a coin, what would the inscription read?

Discuss:

HEAD: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?

2. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 aloud as a group. We're told to pray for those in authority, not for our own comforts but for opportunities for the Gospel to transform lives. How can this change the way you pray for our leaders?

3. Read Psalm 103:19 aloud as a group. When political figures or governments fail their people, what can be our hope?

HEART: HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY ATTITUDES AND AFFECTIONS?

1. The crowd marveled at Jesus' wisdom, but many of them did not follow Him. In what areas have you been amazed at what Jesus says but slow to follow in obedience?

2. Why do you think people often use politics to avoid talking about deeper spiritual issues?

a. What fears or desires in our heart make politics an easy substitute for faith?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20 aloud as a group. Think of a person in your life you regularly have disagreements with. How would the conversations with that person be different if you saw yourself as an ambassador for Christ rather than the defender of an issue?

HANDS: WHAT IS THIS PASSAGE ASKING US TO DO?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and Psalm 103:19. Spend time working through this guided prayer:

1. **REVERENCE** - Acknowledge God's sovereignty, His perfect rule, and the peace that comes from His authority.

2. **REPENTANCE** - Surrender competing allegiances in your heart. Ask Him to show you where your loyalties have drifted away from Him, and ask Him to help you render to Him what belongs to Him.

3. **RENEWAL** - Let your heart rest in God's reign and receive His peace. Replace worry with worship, outrage with compassion, and cynicism with hope.

4. **REQUEST** - Pray for Leaders, local and national. Pray for their salvation, wisdom, humility, and integrity. Pray that your words would reveal not partisanship, but the rule of Christ that will never end.