

# the HOME SHEET

this week's topic:  
**THE BIG CONUNDRUM:  
FAITH & POLITICS**

## I. CHECK-IN

- Check-in with each other. How is life? What is happening? How is everyone doing?
- Ask about last week's challenge. Did everyone live it out? What reflections do you have?

## V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## IV. CHALLENGE

One of the ways we overcome "The Big Conundrum" is by finding ways to bring about God's Kingdom even when there is red tape to deal with.

This week, make a plan as a small group to gather non-perishable items for the BRCC Food Pantry at work, in your neighborhoods and anywhere else you can think of.

**Be prepared to share about this next week.**

## II. SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 22:15-22:** Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law (Jewish Law) allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were astonished, and they departed.

**Luke 4:18-19:** The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

## III. DISCUSSION

- Reflect on the scripture passage above. What stands out to you?
- In your opinion, should Christians be involved in politics?
- What types of things did Jesus dedicate his life to? How do we imitate them?
- Dean Johnson's story of dealing with red tape is inspirational. How can we do the same?