

## HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS BASED AROUND SERMON ON MATTHEW 22 v15-22

### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Has the Church at times sought too much political power? What did that result in?
2. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of the Church of England being part of the Establishment?
3. Do you think it is helpful for Christians to create communities that function as much as possible separately from society?
4. To what extent are Christians affected by the culture in which they live? Is secular culture always a bad influence or can it sometimes be a positive one?
5. How can Christians best prevent themselves being corrupted by a secular society?
6. Jesus spoke of his disciples being 'in the world but not of it' – what do you think the role of the Church should be in promoting social justice?
7. Are we good at seeing ourselves as first and foremost citizens of the Kingdom Of God or do we focus more on being a member of the country in which we were born or raised?
8. What can we do to promote the values of the Kingdom of God – especially if society is not upholding them?
9. What do you see as giving to God the things that are God's and giving to the government the things that belong to it?

### SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think some Palestinians have joined terrorist groups like Hamas?
2. What role has been played by other powers in (a) encouraging conflict (b) promoting peace?
3. Why do you think Hamas chose this time to launch an attack?
4. What do you think will be achieved by the Israeli bombing of Gaza?
5. What is likely to happen if other countries like Iran become more actively involved?
6. What do you think should be done to start solving the hatred between the Palestinians and the Israelis?
7. Do you think the British government has responded well to the crisis?