

**21 April 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**  
**“Trying to Make Sense of the Spirituality of the Church” (Part 2) –**  
**John 18:33-38; Luke 12:13-14; Mark 6:14-20**

Questions to Answer from the Text (Intended Mainly for Dad and/or Mom to Ask the Kids):

1. What question did Pilate ask Jesus (John 18:33)?
2. What did Jesus tell Pilate about His Kingdom (John 18:36)?
3. Why did Jesus come into the world (John 18:37a)?
4. Who are those who listen to Jesus (John 18:37b)?
5. What task did someone ask Jesus to do (Luke 12:13)?
6. How did Jesus respond to this person who asked Him to do this (Luke 12:14)?
7. What did John the Baptist say to King Herod that got him into trouble (Mark 6:18)?
8. Who was upset because John said this to King Herod (Mark 6:19a)?
9. What did this person who was upset with John want to do to him (Mark 6:19b)?
10. How did King Herod treat John (Mark 6:20)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion (Intended Primarily for Small Groups or Families with Older Kids):

11. Is working for the State unspiritual (see *WCF* 23.2)?
12. If the mission of the Church is the proclamation of the Gospel, what is the Gospel?
13. Why should the Church be concerned about what happens in the civic realm? How do we know this Biblically?
14. On what issues would you want the State to ask advice from the Church?
15. What would qualify the State to render judgments and decisions on ethical and moral values and standards?
16. If the State requested our church to give advice on the issue of transgender women (who are biological males) competing in women’s sports, what advice should we give? On same-sex marriage? On divorce?
17. What guidelines or parameters guide you as you try to be salt and light at school, work, or in interactions with non-Christians?
18. If your school, work, or business required you to refer to transgender women and men by the names and pronouns they prefer, how should you as a Christian respond? What if failure to comply means the loss of employment?
19. How does the spirituality of the Church place limits on the Church? On the State?
20. If the State required churches to register with the government for protection purposes, should churches comply? Why or why not?