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Week 4 Leader Guide

1 - 3
minutes

THE WIN

To help the members of the group have a better understanding of authorities that exist and how we can live victorious because Jesus rules supremely over them all.

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minutes

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

From this weeks message we learned that Jesus' absolute authority was evident in His teaching, proven by His miracles and declared by demons.

5 - 10
minutes

WARM UP

ASK THIS:

- What was your most memorable take away from this week's message?
- Do you have any questions about the teaching? If so, what are they?
- What types of abusive authority have you experienced in your life?

10-20
minutes

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

DO THIS:

Ask someone to read Mark 1:21-28

ASK THIS:

- The crowd in this passage used the words "astonished" and "amazed" to describe the authority of Jesus' teaching. What is the difference between Jesus' teaching and that of the religious leaders?
- How does Jesus' authority in this situation contrast with what the crowd normally experienced with their teachers?
- What do you think caused the man, with the unclean spirit to cry, out in the Jewish synagogue?
- Why do you think Jesus rebuked the man with the unclean spirit, even though he was speaking the truth?

LEADER TIP: To speed up the reading of the following scriptures it may be helpful to assign the readings before the meeting begins. Another option is to handout strips of paper with the scriptures printed on them.

DO THIS:

Ask someone to read Jeremiah 23:1-2, Isaiah 1:23 and Ezekiel 34:1-8

ASK THIS:

- What do these passages reveal to you about Israel's Old Testament system of authority?
- How do these passages help you understand why the crowd in Mark 1:21-28 was astonished and amazed at Jesus' authority?

DO THIS:

Ask someone to read Genesis 3:1, Revelation 12:9, Luke 4:6 and Ephesians 2:1-2

ASK THIS:

- What influence does Satan's authority have in the world?
- What did the unclean spirit in Mark 1:21-28 reveal about Jesus' authority over demons?

DO THIS:

Ask someone to read Matthew 11:25-30 and Matthew 23:1-6

ASK THIS:

- What does this passage teach us about Jesus' authority?
- In what ways has Jesus' authority differ from the scribes and Pharisees?

DO THIS:

Ask someone to read Romans 13:1-4, Titus 3:1-2

ASK THIS:

- To what extent do you think we should obey earthly authority?
- How has governmental authority been a benefit to your life?
- In what ways have governmental authority been a hindrance to your spiritual growth?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read This:

Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music from your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for everything to the God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:19-21

ASK THIS:

- How can this type of submission be realized in our group?