

LEADERS

Please make mention of Freedom Groups to your SG this week. Sunday evenings from Aug 30 - Nov 22. Sign up on the app under Soul Care. Limited space, separate men's/women's group.

LEARN

Read Matthew 28:18-20 together. What stands out in the text or from Sunday's sermon that is particularly helpful, encouraging or challenging?

Why is verse 18 so important for a right understanding of verse 19-20?

(Our call to make disciples depends upon his authority over all things. We go on the basis of that authority to do the work he calls us to in making disciples.)

Ultimate authority is a person. Why is that claim so important to the message of the gospel?

(Ex: We point people to Jesus as the ultimate authority, the Lord over all. In the gospel we declare his person, work, and ongoing reign and people's need to trust and submit to his Lordship.)

PRACTICE

Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth. What are the implications of that for our lives and how are you living in accordance with those implications?

(Ex: His authority extends into every sphere of life, the human governing authorities, viruses, economies, etc. We can actively submit to his authority and proclaim his authority, even while resting in his authority when we struggle with trials, suffering and death.)

How does the authority of Jesus give confidence to you as a Christian?

(Ex: Nothing is outside his authority, no one is beyond his power to save. Christians confident in his authority can live from his authority to proclaim him, influencing and serving our world in his name.)

Does the authority of Jesus influence the way you pray? How should a robust belief in his total authority help sustain and grow your prayer life?

(Ex: We can/should come believing his power to accomplish anything in his will, knowing that prayer is often the instrument he uses to work in power in the world.)

CHANGE

Where do you tend to minimize or reject the total authority of Jesus over your life? Discuss together how humble repentance and submission to his authority will lead to obedience and growth in him.

(Areas to consider: Our emotions need to come under his authority. Our finances. Our relationships. Our sex lives. Our self-control in the way we speak. Commitment to SG and Christian community. Technology. Our social media use. The list is endless!)