

Opening Question:

Where have you seen authority on display - was it in a police officer, a political leader, on TV or in a movie? Talk about your experiences and impressions of authority!

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time by asking God to open your eyes to His mind and thoughts. Ask Him to teach you about this idea of authority and relationship.

Getting into God's Word

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

Read Luke 10:1-20

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. Imagine you have received this commissioning from Jesus - what would be your fears or concerns? What would give you confidence that you could complete the mission? What thoughts, emotions, joys, and frustrations might these disciples have experienced on their journey?

3. As they reported back to Jesus about their experiences, what gave the disciples confidence? What did Jesus tell them to focus on instead? Why do you think He wanted to shift their focus?

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:1-11

4. After His crucifixion, Jesus appeared to His disciples over a period of 40 days and commissioned them to go and take the good news out into the world. As they once again went out, what might have been their concerns? How did Jesus address those concerns in these passages?
5. As Christ followers, we have been given these same commissions, how often do you think about the ideas presented in these passages?
6. Jesus promised that He would be with us, even to the end of the age - As you go to work, school, at home, etc, how much do you think about His presence? How often do you consider the idea that His power and authority go with you into your situations and circumstances? What difference might that make to you as you consider that truth and begin to invite His power and authority into your circumstances?
7. Do you have situations that need others to help you pray into? Lift those up now as a group!

Read Acts 3:1-4:22

8. What stands out to you in this passage?
9. What did Peter and John do? How were their actions received: - by the man, by the crowd, by the religious leaders?
10. Pastor Nathan talked about how our understanding of authority must grow out of a deepening relationship with Jesus - How is that on display in this story? How is it on display in your life? How are you cultivating a deepening relationship with Jesus? What roadblocks or hindrances do you feel like are getting in the way?

Prayer

Jesus began his commissioning by asking the disciples to pray for more workers for the harvest field - in the same way, pray that God would raise up from our congregation and for our congregation more workers who are walking in obedience, humility, and authority.

Pray as well for one another and for the needs in your group.

Sermon Notes

Group Listing

Wednesdays:

Leaders: Nathan and Jenn Pollock

Location: The Pollock's House in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

Thursdays:

Leaders: Mark and Carla Werner, Jessica and Andreas Schwitter

Location: CentrePoint Church

Time: 6:30pm

Fridays:

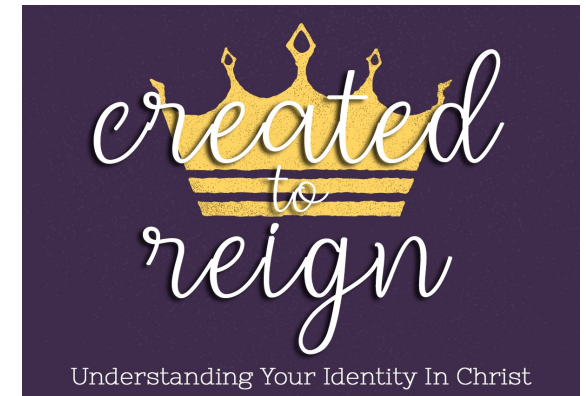
Leaders: John and Ineke Tessari, Gary and Sandy Mize

Location: The Mize's Home in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

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Personal Reflection and Practice:

Do you have situations or circumstances in your life that you know require divine intervention? What does it look like in your life to petition heaven for that request? Do you have people you pray with? This week consider your prayer life - are there things that you want to see happen in your life that can only happen if God intervenes? And are you pursuing that intervention?

As you consider the idea of pursuing things in prayer - consider Elijah's story in 1 Kings 18:11-46 and James 5:16-18.