

Taking Authority - Discussion Guide

Required reading for this teaching program includes *The Authority of the Believer* by J. A. MacMillan. Recommended reading includes *Roaring Lion* by Robert Peterson.

In the Beginning

- Why did God create man?
- Was God's purpose in creating man achieved?
- Why did the Lord Jesus come to earth?
- Was Christ's purpose in coming to earth achieved?
- Who is the spiritual enemy of man and what is his purpose?
- What are the Lord's promises for his people against the enemy

SCRIPTURES: Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:5; Matthew 28:18, 1:21; Romans 8:29, 8:16-17, 5:6-10, 8:34, 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:24; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 8:34, 7:25, 9:24; 2 Corinthians 5:5, 4:4; Ephesians 1:4; Isaiah 14:13-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 John 5:19; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:7-12; John 8:44; Psalm 89:21-26

The Will of God for the Redeemed

- What is the lifestyle the redeemed are to live? Why?
- What are all redeemed, born again men and women, called to do by Christ?

SCRIPTURES: Leviticus 19:2; Matthew 5:48; 1 Peter 1:16-17, 2:9, 11-13, 21-23; 2 Corinthians 7:1; John 12:26; Colossians 3:5-24

The Ministry of Christ

- What does it mean to follow Christ?
- Describe the earthly ministry of the Lord
- What is the ministry all Christians are called to perform?

SCRIPTURES: Luke 9:23, 14:26-27, 4:18-21; Acts 14:5; Matthew 11:15; Ephesians 5:1; Isaiah 58:5-10

The Authority of the Believer

- How does a Christian fulfill his calling described in Isaiah 58:5-10?
- What authority is given to the Christian?
- What power is given to the Christian?
- What is the Christian's posture against the Devil?
- Is Authority a prayer?
- Is Authority something only a few Christians can realize and experience?
- According to the Scriptures what is necessary for a Christian to wield the power of God as in the "rod of Moses?"

- What conditions must be met by the Christian to take authority?
- How does a Christian command the lord?
- What are the signs of the works of Satan
- Describe the elements of the Full Armor of God
- Who previously held the power of death (Hebrews 2:14) who holds it now and what does this mean?

SCRIPTURES: John 15:7, 14:12-13, 16:23, 15:16; Ephesians 1:23, 2:10, 6:16, 2:6, 1:3, 6:11-13; Romans 8:17; Revelation 1:6, 5:10, 12:11; Exodus 19:6, 14:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5; Matthew 21:21-22, 28:19; Acts 8:4-8, 1:8, 16:18; Luke 10:17; Mark 16:15, 11:14, 9:25; Romans 16:20; James 4:7; Psalm 44:3; Philipians 3:10; Zechariah 3:2; Jude 1:9; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Hebrew 2:14; 2 Timothy 1:10

Potholes on the path

- What are the five things that if a Christian commits them, will forfeit his divine protection and make him vulnerable to the attacks of the Devil?
- What are some of the “wiles” of the Devil that he uses to deceive seekers of God and lead them into perdition?’
- What makes a Christian powerless to rebuke the Devil and demons?
- What are the reasons why a Christian missionary may experience defeat against the Devil?
- What conditions must be met for the Christian to have victory over the Devil?

SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 10:12, 6:17; Ephesians 4:26, 6:10-17, 2:6; Psalm 1:1; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Ezekiel 14:7-8; 1 John 5:21, 2:22, 4:4; Acts 14:11; Leviticus 19:26, 31; Deuteronomy 18:10; 2 John 1:7; Luke 4:7; James 1:6-8, 4:7; Mark 9:29; Colossians 1:27

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