



THEME: REPRESENT: THE NAME

MEMORY VERSE: You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! John 14:13-14 (NLT)

******Remember to listen to this week's sermon, review the Sermon Notes Sheet and complete the discussion questions before attending your Connection Group.***

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer offered in the name of Jesus is in accord with His revealed nature and purpose and has the full weight of His authority behind it. Declarations in the name of Jesus, a noteworthy practice in Acts, is to be a practice of the church today.

In this week's sermon and Connexion Group Lesson we will explore how to more fully understand what it means to operate in the authority of the name of Jesus.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Are you a person of routine or a person of spontaneity?

GROUP LESSON DISCUSSION

1. What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week's sermon?
2. What does it mean to you to ask in the name of Jesus?

What does it mean that Jesus' authority is behind those things we ask correctly for in His name?

3. Read Acts 2:46- 3:11. What can be learned from the way the early Christians lived out their faith on a routine basis?

What do you believe makes the difference between the average, daily walk of a Spirit-filled believer today and that of the early Christians described in Acts?

4. How might following their example allow us to more fully understand what it means to operate in the authority of the Lord?

How might following their example allow us to more fully understand what it means to pray in the name of Jesus?

5. What core truth do you believe the apostles grasped that enabled them to be channels of God's power into the lives of others?

What is anything, prevents today's Christians from operating in the same power and authority in the name of Jesus?

next steps

This week as you seek take advantage of opportunities to operate in name of Jesus, read and mediate of the following verses:

Monday: Colossians 3:15-17 (NIV)

Tuesday: John 14:12-14

Wednesday: Acts 2:42-47

Thursday: Acts 3:1-11

Friday: Acts 3:12-16

Saturday: Matthew 18:16-20

Sunday: John 15:14-17