



WK 2 CC CONNECT GROUP STUDY //

Date: Week Beginning 11.02.18

Topic: Authority - "The Rules of Engagement"

Text: **Matthew 28:18** - "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'"

STUDY 2 // THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Have you ever thought of why we pray "in Jesus' Name". It is a declarative command that we are using the authority of the ruler of all galaxies and realms to enforce the prayer we have just prayed. As we continue our series on the supernatural, today we discover that the entire spiritual realm is run along the lines of authority.

READ MATTHEW 8:5-10

In the ESV it says that Jesus " marvelled " (vs10). Did you notice what it was that surprised our Lord and caused Him to be astonished? It was the Centurion's comprehension and application of authority. The

Message Version writes it:

8-9 "Oh, no," said the captain. "I don't want to put you to all that trouble. Just give the order and my servant will be fine. I'm a man who takes orders and gives orders. I tell one soldier, 'Go,' and he goes; to another, 'Come,' and he comes; to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10-12 Taken aback, Jesus said, "I've yet to come across this kind of simple trust in Israel, the very people who are supposed to know all about God and how he works."

THE WAY THINGS ARE //

Remember - there is a way that things work. If you run your hand along the grain of an undressed piece of timber, you'll get a splinter. If you continually eat poorly over many years, you will develop health issues. If you turn a surf boat sideways in a strong current, you'll flip it. There is a way things work in the physical realm and we must learn to live within those parameters;

We acquire wisdom by encountering the laws of the physical world and adjusting our lives accordingly. Better still we use these laws to our advantage - we cook with heat and build with concrete. The same is true for the invisible realm. There is a way that the spiritual world works, and today we look at what Scripture says about this subject



SUNDAY SERMON PERSONAL //

Whether you were at Cross Central on Sunday, or you watched the sermon on our youtube channel, what are some discussion points that stuck out to you, that you would like to share with the group?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SCRIPTURE READING & DISCUSSION //

Read & Discuss Psalm 115:14-16

What does verse 16 tell us about God's order for heaven and earth?
Who has authority over of the earth?

Read & Discuss Luke 4:5-7

How did the devil tempt Jesus?
How, was this authority, the devils to give away to Jesus (*1 John 5:19*)?

Read & Discuss Daniel 10:1-14

How long had Daniel been fasting and praying (*Vs2-3*)?
How were Daniel and those with him respond to the encounter (*Vs7-9*)?
What was the message to Daniel and what does it reveal about spiritual authority structures (*Vs12-14*)?

Read & Discuss Colossians 2:13-15

How has our 'legal authority' in the spiritual realm been restored?
What did Jesus accomplish at Calvary (*Vs 14-15*)?

Read & Discuss Job 1:6-12

What do you notice about Satan's authority?
What do you learn about God's authority?

Read & Discuss Philippians 2:8-11

What do you learn about God's authority protocols in these verses?

Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 15:20-25

Why do we not see the full manifestation of God's authority in us today?

Read & Discuss Matthew 28:16-20

How does your understanding of authority impact your reading of this commandment of Jesus?



ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION //

1. What are your limiting beliefs about authority and people in leadership positions?
2. Share an experience of an abuse of authority that you have encountered in your life.
3. Share an example of godly authority that has inspired and empowered you to pursue your God given purpose.

SERIES OBJECTIVES //

These are our four main goals for this series. Which one of these objectives has been highlighted to you in this study and what action will you take, because of it, this week?:

- 1. Reinforce and teach our Cross Central value of 'BELIEVE'**
- 2. Provide our people with a Biblical perspective of the supernatural.**
- 3. Raise our awareness and engagement in practical spiritual disciplines.**
- 4. Actively deploy our God given spirituality as followers of Christ.**

PRAYING FOR YOU THIS WEEK //

How can I pray for you this week?



