



SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY SERIES

Part Two: "Authority with a Purpose"

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Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

► We must _____ embrace our _____ to claim the world for Jesus Christ.

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE A _____

Joshua 14:6-12 - Caleb is a model of a man or woman who believes God for their ultimate purpose in life.

Like Caleb, we must be...

- _____ to the authority of God in us
- Honest but not _____ about the challenges
- _____ in our obedience to the Lord
- _____ in claiming the promise no matter our stage in life

OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: _____ AND _____

1. Our authority began on _____ of the Bible.

Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over [it]..." Genesis 1:28 (NLT)

2. Satan has attacked our authority since _____.

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone..." Romans 5:12 (NLT)

"...The devil...rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God." Ephesians 2:2 (CEV)

Purpose (Cont'd)

3. Jesus Christ brought our authority back to _____.

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." 1 John 3:8 (NIV)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

"For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:15 (NLT)

"...Through [Christ] God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." Colossians 1:20 (NLT)

4. Now we are responsible to make His Kingdom _____.

"So Joshua blessed Caleb...and gave Hebron to him as his portion of land. Hebron still belongs to the descendants of Caleb...because he wholeheartedly followed the Lord..." Joshua 14:13-14 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, I thank you for the authority I have in Jesus Christ. Today I embrace that authority. I ask you to connect me anew to your purpose in the earth and to every promise I have in Christ. May I be a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ! For His glory, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share a time when you lost then found something valuable. How did it feel to get it back?

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: What are you going to reclaim as a "Caleb"?

Prayer Focus: Pray for each one to be filled with a spirit like Caleb's.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)