



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 5, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 20:1-8

[1] One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up [2] and said to him, “Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority.” [3] He answered them, “I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, [4] was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?” [5] And they discussed it with one another, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ [6] But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet.” [7] So they answered that they did not know where it came from. [8] And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

Discussion Questions

1. In His last week of life, we find Jesus teaching and preaching the gospel in the temple. What else do you think He could have been doing to help people know and believe He was the Son of God, the Messiah? What does this tell us about how Jesus prioritizes the Word of God, and why do you think He does this?
2. What is authority, where does it come from and why is Jesus the ultimate authority? Why do we sometimes have a problem with authority in general, and sometimes even with Jesus' authority over our lives?
3. All authority in heaven and on earth was given to Jesus. How did Jesus use His authority? (Think about the purpose for which Jesus came to earth) Why should this help us to submit to His authority?
4. Why wouldn't the chief priests, scribes, and elders answer Jesus' question? Why couldn't they submit to Jesus' authority?
5. In what area of my life am I afraid of submitting to Jesus' rightful authority? In what area am I not trusting in His love for me? What change do I need to make in my thinking, and in my belief about Jesus?