

## 2-11-23 Facilitator – Authority, Truth, Power Mark 12:13-27, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers:** Who are your favorite examples of the combination of Authority, Truth, and Power?
2. **Worship God** as you read **1 Chronicles 29:10-22. Enjoy God's Power and Generosity**

### 3. **Sermon Reflection:**

#### **WHO'S IN CHARGE?**

- Why do we believe that there is good potential in human authority?
- What is your name? Who are you & whose are you?
- When you're in authority, how do you respond to those who rebel?
- When you're under authority, how have you sided with the rebels?

#### **A VERBAL STREET BRAWL**

- What does it mean to live in pride and unbelief?
- What does it mean to be shot with your own gun?
- How have you thought that you're above any law?
- How have you lived cynically thinking that God's ways are unworkable?
- In what areas of your thinking or practices, is God saying, you are quite wrong?

#### **THE ONE WHO TRUSTS GOD'S WORD & POWER**

- In the gospel, how do we see God's work, His promises *and* good design become entirely ours?
- How do you need to surrender to God, The Ultimate Authority?

### 4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:**

1. Worship the LORD for His goodness in all His ways. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that in His authority, by His defining of all reality (truth) and His unrivaled power, that He is perfectly loving and just.
2. How have you lived as if you are a law unto yourself and that others in authority are corrupt just because they tell you how to live? *Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and heal your rebel heart.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His absolute integrity and goodness. Thank Him for being successful where Adam (and we) failed, and yet willing to bear the punishment we deserve for all of our corruption and sin.
4. Who do you know that struggles with God's authority? Pray for them, asking the Lord to make known to them both their lack of integrity and His trustworthiness, especially as Jesus was so willing to suffer to save our lives.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in you His fruit of love, goodness, and faithfulness. Pray that He would work into you Jesus' very integrity to help you trust the Father's authority, truth, and power as He did.

### 5. **Mission: Christian's enjoy God as the Ultimate Authority, Truth, and Power.**

Using # 4 and # 5 from Kingdom Centered Prayer ask your family, friends, and co-workers:

To reflect on your choices -

- How or where in my life do you hear me struggling against God, His Authority, Truth, and Power?
- Where do you see me living relying on my authority, wisdom, and strength?
- What should I do differently? What would change that?

To reflect on their choices -

- How or where in your life are you struggling against God, His Authority, Truth, and Power?
- Where are you living relying on your authority, wisdom, and strength?