

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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This week, Ted preached on Jesus' ultimate authority. The three main points were Jesus holds all authority, there is a battle for authority, and believing means submitting to Jesus. The authority of Jesus is absolute, his teachings hold authority that draw attention, sometimes that attention is negative. There are powers that battle for that authority. Satan wants authority over our lives, and oftentimes the authority he gains is authority we may not even notice. Hold fast against the temptations and lies of the world! If we fully submit to Jesus as our authority, he changes our lives in a way that can render us unrecognizable, but it is for the better!

1. Jesus' teachings were radical for his time and they are radical for ours! We are called to submit our entire lives to Jesus, not just the bits and pieces that we are want to give up, and this makes a lot of people uncomfortable. In what ways does Jesus' teaching put you out of your comfort zone? How can we encourage each other to put aside our own comfort and serve Jesus better?
2. There are many opinions on who Jesus is or was. Some say he was just a good man or an abnormal philosopher. Others say Jesus was just a prophet. The Bible says he is God. Who do you say Jesus is? If you believe Jesus is God, why? What are some verses that support that he is God? Do you have any personal experiences that remind you of this truth?
3. What Jesus said was authenticated by his actions. He claimed to be God, and the miracles he performed and the prophecies he fulfilled supported his claims. If you are a professing Christian, is what you say and believe authenticated by your actions?
4. Jesus is King of all creation, and his authority is absolute. Read Hebrews 1:3 and John 1:1-3. Even while recognizing this, we succumb to sin and put other

authorities over Jesus. What authorities do we put higher than the authority of Jesus in our lives?

5. As mentioned before, Jesus' teachings were radical, and they stirred powerful emotions in all who listened. Often time those emotions resulted in irrational anger. Have you ever experienced irrational anger or hostility when bringing up Jesus? How should we respond? How did Jesus respond?