

# Luke 4 The Authority of Jesus

**Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

## Christ in me is the source of my identity and authority

- How will you respond to Jesus' power and authority? Do you prefer the Spirit of God to "behave" and are uncomfortable when he starts to move in power; or are you excited when he puts on a show and bored when he doesn't?
- Do you take steps of faith to move out of your comfort zone in order to let God move in power through you?

We have authority in Christ to do the works of Christ. This authority comes through identifying with him and submitting to him.

We're called to minister in power through the name of Jesus. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:12-14)

We're called to understand and live by God's laws of authority. (Luke 7:1-10; Romans 13:1-2)

We're called to be in a submitted and committed relationship with Jesus in order to use his name. (Acts 19:11-16)

We're called to be clothed in Christ's righteousness, not our own. (Zechariah 3:1-7; Ephesians 6:10-18)



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### **Ice Breakers**

Share how you are doing and pray for each other. Recite Galatians 2:20.

### **Digging Deeper**

#### **1. Ministering in Power through the Name of Jesus**

- How does knowing that *all authority* belongs to Jesus change the way you approach ministry or prayer?
- In what ways have you seen God's power work through your obedience to His call?
- What might be holding you back from fully stepping into the works Jesus said His followers would do?

#### **2. Living by God's Laws of Authority**

- How does the centurion's understanding of authority challenge your own view of spiritual authority?
- Are there areas in your life where you resist God's established authority? Why?

#### **3. Submitted and Committed Relationship with Jesus**

- What does it mean to truly minister *in Jesus' name* rather than just using His name?
- How does your daily walk with Jesus prepare you to stand against spiritual opposition?

#### **4. Clothed in Christ's Righteousness**

- How does understanding that you are clothed in Christ's righteousness affect your confidence before God?
- How can you guard against relying on your own righteousness instead of Christ's?

### **Living Out**

Does anyone in your OG have a need for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual)? Practice laying hands and praying healing over them. Also pray together for the needs presented during Sunday morning service or other needs you know about. Pray for God's peace and order in the situation.