



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Authorized Representatives

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Highlighted Scripture

John 15:18–19

“If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

Matthew 28:18–20

“All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Deuteronomy 22:8

“When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you don’t bring blood on your house if anyone falls from there.”

Discussion Questions

- 1. Jesus says the world may hate His followers. Why is it important to understand that rejection is often about who we represent, not about us personally?**

- 2. How does remembering that Jesus has all authority change the way you share your faith?**
- 3. Scott realized he was acting under someone else's authority. What does it mean for Christians to act as representatives of Christ?**
- 4. Why can opposition actually confirm that we are faithfully representing Jesus?**
- 5. How can we remain calm and faithful when others respond negatively to the truth?**

Reflection Challenge

Reflect on your role as Christ's representative:

**Do I remember that I speak and act under Jesus' authority, not my own?
Am I willing to stand firm even when others disagree or react strongly?
Am I leaving the results and "appeals" to God?**

Remember:

- ✨ We represent Christ**
- ✨ The authority is His, not ours**
- ✨ Faithfulness matters more than approval**

Prayer

**Father God,
Thank You for giving me the privilege of representing You.
Help me stand firm when I face resistance or misunderstanding.
Remind me that the authority belongs to You.
Give me courage to speak truth with love.
And help me trust You with the outcome.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

