

IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING



BOOK 3, CHAPTER 1

Sent Beings: Priests

THIS WEEK

Power & Authority

There's this extraordinary claim in the New Testament that Jesus "made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father." How weird is it to think of yourself as a priest?! And yet, that's exactly what we become when we follow Jesus.

Believe it or not, you have been chosen in Jesus and set apart from the world to bear spiritual power and authority in a way that will bless the people God has placed around you. Whose job is it to pray for people or tell them the good news God has for them? That's a priest's job and it's our job!

ICE BREAKER

In general, do you prefer to be in charge or not?

BOTTOM LINE

By Jesus' authority, you are given power to serve.

GROUPS SCRIPTURE

Read about Jesus washing feet at the Last Supper in John 13:1-17, especially verse 3. CHECK OUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE & VIDEO AND TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS A QUESTION OR TWO FROM EACH SECTION.

LEARNING HIS STORY

- 1. This is hard for us to figure out because we are so accustomed to the way of things in this world but...
- A) Why would Jesus' recognition of the authority God was giving Him inspire Him to grab a towel and serve?
- B) And why would remembering where He came from and where He was going inspire Him to grab a towel and serve?

EXAMINING OUR STORY

- 2. Jesus washed feet but, let's be real, what would be your likely next step if God gave all things into YOUR hands?
- 3. What's a job God has given you for which you feel unqualified?
- 4. Are there acts of service that you have felt are "beneath" you?

FINDING A NEW STORY

- 4. What's an example of a responsibility belonging to ALL Jesus-followers that we tend to relegate only to CERTAIN Jesus-followers?
- 5. What's an aspect of spiritual power & authority to which you believe we should pay more attention?



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