

**He is the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Revelation 1:8

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Matthew 28:18

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

*“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”*

*- Jeremiah Burroughs*

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John 14:6

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*“We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.”*

*- John Stott*

**This is what we’re \_\_\_\_\_ to.**

2 Timothy 4:1–2

<sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Hebrews 10:24–25

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

*“The Church is the beloved bride of Jesus, church is not His hobby; it is His marriage—and it’s ours too.”*

*- Sam Allberry*

## Group Questions

1. Share a story of a time when you had a problem submitting to an authority figure in your life.
  - a. Looking back now, what (if anything) would you have done differently? Why?
2. Look at [Ephesians 5:22-33](#) how would you describe authority in the home based off of this text?
  - a. What are some ways you can think of that this text gets disobeyed/abused?
  - b. What is the biggest struggle to you personally in this text? Why?
  - c. How does this translate into the context of the local church?
3. [1 Co 12:28](#); [1 Th 5:12-13](#); [James 3:1](#); [Heb 13:17](#); [1 Pet 5:1-3](#) all have to do with church leadership and authority. What others might you add?
  - a. In your opinion how do the above texts fit together with the section in [1 Tim 3:1-13](#)?
  - b. Should church leadership be/function differently today than it did back then? If so why and how? If not why not?
4. This sermon covered some hot button issues. Which was most uncomfortable for you to sit through and why?
  - a. Commitment to the local body of believers is so very important. Have you seen/been hurt by this commitment in the past? Share with the group what happened.
  - b. How can you be more committed to this body of believers?
  - c. How can we as a church foster growing in commitment to one another?