

GROUP QUESTIONS: 7 Mountains of Dominionism w/ Dr Greg Carey

1. Which emoji do you use the most?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Mt. 20:25-28 says, "Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

How would you describe the two types of authority in this passage?

How might you practice and support Jesus' way of authority in areas of life where you have power or influence power?

Where or when is it a struggle for you to practice Jesus' description of leadership vs the rulers of the Gentiles type of leadership?

4. Galatians 5:13-14 says, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Discuss together freedom and how you think it might relate to power based on this passage.

Greg played clips of leaders in the Christian Nationalism movement. He pointed out how we used to laugh at these extreme ideas and mock them. Today they are taking more and more power and authority in our world in the name of God.

Do you see dominionism impacting the world? If so, how?

How do you see dominionism impacting our ability to do the

things we are called to in this passage?

5. Greg encouraged us to “Tend to our spirit”. He suggested that we do things like: stay close to tenderness, kindness and peace, perhaps we limit our news intake knowing it’s trying to get us worked up, beware of the algorithms speaking chaos to us in social media, be a part of group prayer, community and listen to music that feeds you in positive ways. Don’t let bitterness and fear grab you.

Which of those things would be good for you?

Which of those things have been good for you in the past?

6. Greg encouraged us to “Protect the weak”. He recognized the tension that exists between tending to your spirit and getting involved.

Knowing these are both things we need to do -

How might you be a follower of Jesus’ type of leadership, power and authority structure in our immediate world today?

How might you directly and indirectly love your neighbor and protect the weak and vulnerable?

What can you do to protect the weak?

7. Greg encouraged us to “Testify”. He cautioned us against arguing with people. He encouraged us rather to bear witness to the things that are core to us. Bear witness to the things we are willing to act on. Bear witness to the things you believe when it comes to being a Christian in the world today.

How might you bear witness?

What causes you not to bear witness?

What can you do to get clear on what you can say and to say it?