

Making Application from the Message:

- 5) What kind of baggage do people carry with them regarding authority, that prevents them from maximum freedom?
- 6) How can you live out what Jesus said regarding the Father's authority (cf. John 5:19-26-30)?
- 7) What kinds of things can your group discuss to create a more godly authority environment?

State of the Church

Ephesians 3:8-16

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Why did God establish authority?

1) God established authority in the _____ Eph. 3:8-16

- Gal. 3:20 God is _____

- Eph. 3:8-16 God is _____

- The Son and Spirit submit to the Father's authority.
 - The Son submits to the Father John 5:19, 26-30 (Deut. 4:39)
 - The Spirit submits to the Father and Son John 16:13-14

- Authority is often abused and a difficult word

- Was the Father's authority good? Heb. 5:6-10

2) God established authority over _____ Gen. 2:15-17

What is the issue in life?

3) **God established authority in the _____ 1 Pet. 5:1-5**

- Who or what is the authority at Grace?
- What happens when order is lacking? 1 Tim. 1:18-20
- There is maximum freedom and the presence of His joy Heb. 13:17

God's authority gives you maximum freedom from disaster!

(Man submits to authorities to mirror submission to God.)

- Understand what the Lord Jesus has revealed for you.
- Humbly pursue what He has revealed to avoid disaster from sin.
- Rejoice in His sovereign authority.

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) What did you learn about authority growing up?

Digging Deeper:

2) If God has perfect authority, was His authority questioned in the Garden of Eden (cf. Gen. 3:1-6)? _____ Who questioned it and how was it questioned? What made them question God's authority?

3) How long has authority been questioned in society? _____
What are examples in Genesis where you see authority questioned?

4) Are there any perfect churches (cf. 1 Pet. 5:1-7)? _____ What are five things leadership must do and what are five things the people must do in order for the church to reflect godly authority?