

THE AUTHORITY & POWER IN MINISTRY

(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16)

I. Authority (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. All _____ to Jesus.
2. Jesus has the _____ to _____ us in ministry.
3. Our effectiveness in ministry is _____ upon our _____ to the one in authority.

**The Authority in Ministry is found in _____
_____ to Jesus Christ**

II. Power (Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16)

1. The Holy Spirit _____ us to be Christ's witnesses.
2. The Holy Spirit _____ us to live a fruitful life.

**The Power in Ministry is found in _____
_____ to the Holy Spirit**

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Is the term "authority" a positive or negative term from your perspective? If negative, what term would you use in its place? Does another term have the same meaning?
2. Why is it difficult for us, at times, to submit to the authority of another? How does this impact the way that we submit to Christ's authority?
3. According to Acts 1:8 what does the Holy Spirit empower us to be? What part do we play in seeing this power at work in our lives?
4. According to Galatians 5:16 what does walking by the Spirit bring forth? How does this impact our ministries? What is the evidence that we are walking by the Spirit?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?