

RELATIONSHIP SERIES

authority

This discussion guide is meant to provide group leaders with a framework to lead a gospel-centered discussion based off the verses provided. This should be used to guide conversation and push the students closer to the Scriptures.

OVERVIEW

Series Summary: We are created to be in relation with the people around us. Whether or not they follow Jesus we must learn how to navigate those relationships. No matter how old we are, we will always have to interact with authority in our lives. We will have to learn how to submit to the authority over us as well as learn to steward the authority we have been given.

Main Idea: Authoritative figures are all around us and sometimes there can be confusion on the best ways to interact with them. This week, the goal is to learn how to reflect Jesus by looking at how we can interact with authoritative figures in our day to day lives and how we can be good stewards of the authority given to us.

Key Scripture: Hebrews 13:17; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-15; Romans 13:1-7, Mark 10:42-45

DISCUSSION

Getting Started

- Who are the authoritative people in your lives?
- Who are the people you have authority over?
- Why are some people given a higher authority than others?

Digging Deeper

- Read Romans 13:1-7: What does it mean to be subject to the governing authorities? (v.1) and who is the one in ultimate authority? (v.4)
- Read 1 Peter 2:13-15
 - Why does this passage say to submit yourselves to every human authority? (v. 15: as a testimony to your faith in Jesus)
- Based on the passages, how should we interact with the authoritative people in our lives?
- How do you interact with people who are leading and not following Jesus?
- What is one way you can better interact with the authority figures in your life?
- Read Mark 10:42-44: Based on this passage how does Jesus tell us to steward our authority?

Examples of Authoritative Figures

- School teachers and officials
- Governmental figures
- Police officers
- Parents