

why church?

The Building of a New Community

Ice Breaker: What's the most embarrassing thing you've returned (or seen someone else return)?

Read: Ephesians 5, Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 10:1, Ephesians 6:1-9

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says that "all authority in heaven and on earth" belongs to Him. What does "all authority" mean in practical terms?
 - What is the difference between having authority and being the source of authority?
- Sermon Question- Who is the Head of Church? (The One Who Gives Power- Matt. 10:1)
- Who is in Charge of Your Life? (Ephesians 5:3-20)
 - According to this passage, what competes for control of our lives?
 - What are signs that can reveal that something other than Christ may be leading us?
 - In what areas of your life is Jesus' authority easiest and hardest to accept?
- Who is in Charge of "Your" Church (Ephesians 5:21-32)
 - What does Paul teach about mutual submission in verse 21?
 - Why do you think Paul compares Christ and the Church to a marriage?
 - How does Jesus' example challenge common ideas about leadership, power and influence?
 - What can happen when church members view church as "my church" instead of Christ's church?
 - How does dying to self help create a healthy church community?
 - What are you willing to die to (or sacrifice) for the betterment of the Church?
- Who is in Charge in Society (Ephesians 6:1-9)
 - What relationships and authority structures does Paul address in this passage?
 - How can this passage be misunderstood or misused?
 - Where do you see power being abused in today's culture?
 - How can Christians submit to Christ while living within human authority structures?
- Closing Thoughts (Ephesians 5:23-32)
 - If someone observed your life for a week, who or what would they conclude is actually in charge?
 - What are some modern ways believers can compete for influence rather than submit to Jesus?
 - How can disagreements in the church be handled without creating power struggles?
 - What does it look like to "give honor to God who is the Head" of your body, soul, and spirit this week?

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

Icebreakers, Groups Support, FAQ

