

Sunday 9th February 2020

Authority of Believers - lessons from the Master

Based on John 5 and Matthew 17:14 to 20 (Read these).

What is the significance of verse 2's description of the scene and the number 5?

Why did Jesus ask the man if he wanted to be well?

What happened following the man's healing?

When accused of breaking the law by the Jewish leaders, what was the man's response?

Why do you think Jesus went and found the man in verse 14, surely Jesus saw what had happened in the previous verses?

In verse 15 Do you think the man was trying to help Jesus or himself?

So why did Jesus choose this man from all those that were sick around the pool?

How happy were the Jewish leaders about the miracle they had witnessed, what did they do?

Read v16 to 18, How did the Jewish leaders react to Jesus?

In Jesus' response to the Jewish leaders, what can we learn about our own authority as believers, sons and daughters and co-heirs with Jesus?

Who is Jesus' Father = is He our Father too?

How do we hear His voice, or see what He is doing?

How do we nourish ourselves spiritually?

What does it mean to feed on the word? And why do we need to read and know the Bible?

In Matthew 17:14 - What happened to the authority of the disciples?

Who gave the disciples that authority?

In another account of the same situation in Mark 9 verses 14 to 29

What does Jesus say is the reason they couldn't heal or deliver the boy?

Can you think of other verse that mention Fasting in the Bible?

Why should we fast?

Should it always be food?

What is the motive of ministry that Nigel mentioned last week?
(Check verse 20 of John 5 for a clue)

What does the Bible say about the motive for ministry? (check out 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

What makes our Christian walk authentic for those around us in our everyday?

What does verse 24 mean? What are the truths we need to dwell on in both the first and second part of the verse?

Nigel mentioned Lazarus and when he was raised to life. (See John 11: 1-44 for whole story)

In verse 44 of John 11, what instruction did Jesus to enable Lazarus to be free of the grave?
Do we have any grave clothes that hinder us from entering into our new life in Jesus that need to be removed, so that we can be free to be joyful and celebrate our new life and identity in Jesus?
As Lazarus needed help to remove his grave clothes, being part of a church family enables us all to receive help with any 'grave clothes' that might need to be removed for us to be free to thrive in the new life that Jesus gives to us.

Please spend some time now and consider how you can apply the answers to your daily life.