

Freedom in the Authority of Scripture | Matthew 28:18, 2 Timothy 3:16

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of March 10th, 2023

OVERVIEW

"Authority" today is often neglected and disputed. However, God has established his authority over the heavens and the earth and revealed his authority to us through Scripture. If we honor and respect God's authority, we find joy and freedom.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your favorite board/card game? **Or** What kind of student were you in school? (ex. Studious, rambunctious, mischievous)

Activity: Memorize John 8:31-32.

PRAYER

Pray as a group: Give honor and praise to God, the author of life and authority over all creation.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think so many people have a problem with someone having authority over them?
2. What has your experience been with authority? Parents, teachers, employees, etc.?
3. What are the different areas of authority in our world?
4. Out of the "A la carte" options mentioned in the message (Friends and Family; Media and Culture; Substances; Emotions; Hormones; and Experiences), which do you feel have the most influence on how we make choices for our lives?
5. How would or does having Jesus and His word as the ultimate authority for life affect you?
6. What would happen to marriages if we are obedient to God's design for marriage?
 - a. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman.
 - b. God has called husbands and wives to put their mates' interests and desires ahead of their own.
 - c. God has called husbands and wives to be truthful and to have wholesome, upbuilding, grace-filled communication.
 - d. God has called husbands and wives not to divorce without biblical grounds.
7. Describe someone that has given themselves over to God's authority in their life? Has it tended to bring more joy or despair to them.
8. What could you do this week to help you more fully embrace God's authority in your life.

