

KINGDOM AUTHORITY

EXERCISING
GOD'S RULE IN
YOUR LIFE

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHAPTER ONE

- 1. How do you relate to the believers at Ephesus? How would you describe the "glasses" with which you've been viewing your God-given authority?
- 2. What is the key to unlocking your right to rule under Jesus's rule? What do you need to do in order to use this key?
- 3. How do the instructions to embrace the truth that you are seated with Christ and to surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ over every area of your life change the way you view exercising kingdom authority?

CHAPTER TWO

- 1. What must you do to address the "physical, visible fruit showing up in your everyday thoughts and life"? How does Daniel help you do this?
- 2. What is the essential requirement for exercising and experiencing kingdom authority? What interferes with God's answering your prayers and what can be done about that?
- 3. How does Satan debilitate you from cooperating with God's kingdom agenda? How does he diminish your role in the kingdom battle?

CHAPTER THREE

- 1. What is the relationship between being a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and having kingdom authority?
- 2. How do you understand and relate to the idea that "heaven rules"? Read aloud Psalm 103:19 and Daniel 7:9-10. How do these passages inform your answer?
- 3. Define "covenant." Why is it important to understand that God runs his kingdom covenantally?

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1. Read aloud Colossians 2:8-10 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-21. Discuss some of the lies and the "foolishness of this world" that Satan has tricked you into believing. How are you refuting the lies and the foolishness and embracing the truth?
- 2. What does it mean to test each spirit and every thought based on whether or not it aligns with Jesus Christ? What does that look like, practically speaking?
- 3. How is Satan affected by Jesus's forgiving our sins and what does that mean for us?



CHAPTER FIVE

- 1. Which life have you chosen—one based on the known, physical realm or on the supernatural realm? What would it mean to embrace the spiritual realm? How would that relate to your using your kingdom authority?
- 2. According to Hebrews 12:18-22 and 2 Samuel 6:16-17, what is the significance of Mount Zion? How does it relate to your kingdom authority?
- 3. What is your ability to experience God's authority on earth tied to (see page 88)? How do you see this displayed in your life?

CHAPTER SIX

- 1. What are some ways that Satan causes destruction in our lives?
- 2. Discuss some of the strategies to defeat Satan that appear in Revelation 12:7-12.
- 3. What are the three steps to silencing Satan and overcoming his deceptive schemes? How do you see those applying to your life?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1. How do you relate to Simon Peter's story?
- 2. Have you ever felt that Satan was "sifting" you? Share a few examples from your experiences.
- 3. How do you respond to the truth that Jesus ever lives to intercede for you?

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1. Read aloud Luke 7:1-10. In your own words, describe what it looks like to "piggyback" on Jesus's kingdom authority.
- 2. Why does living under legitimate authority actually free you to do greater things than you would have on your own?
- 3. Describe what living in spiritual alignment looks like. What are the key elements of alignment?



CHAPTER NINE

- 1. Why does God oppose the presence of pride in our lives?
- 2. Do you have a "thorn" like Paul did? If so, what is it? Why do you think God gave Paul a "thorn"?
- 3. What is the relationship between humility and living with kingdom authority?

CHAPTER TEN

- 1. Why is it important to live according to the authoritative nature of God's Word? How does that affect your exercise of kingdom authority?
- 2. What blunts the Bible's power in our lives?
- 3. Compare and contrast truth as defined by the world and by God.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1. When have you seen demonic influence make a person physically or mentally ill?
- 2. What is an indicator that demonic influences have made themselves dominant in someone's life?
- 3. Why is it important to tell others about the power of God's kingdom authority at work in your life?

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1. How can you defeat Satan's deceptive power in your life?
- 2. Read aloud Zechariah 3:1-5. How does this passage apply to using your kingdom authority? How do you relate to Joshua?
- 3. Discuss the tension between being aligned spiritually with God, exercising kingdom authority, and God's answers not being your desired outcomes. How do you trust God when things don't go your way?

