

# Questioning the Authority of Jesus

## Getting Your House in Order

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of February 10, 13-14, 2016

**Main Point: We can either submit to Jesus' authority or be broken by Jesus' authority.**

**Luke 20: 1-8**

### **CONNECT**

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How do you react when your boss tells you to do something outside your normal job?

What would you do if the President of the United States ordered you to come to Washington DC?

How do you respond to authority? In your workplace? In government? In family relationships? In the church?

In which of those areas is it most challenging for you to respect authority? Why?

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**Ask a volunteer to Read Luke 20:1-8.**

What "things" had Jesus been doing (v. 2, 19:45-48)? What about these things would worry the religious leaders?

Why do you think Jesus answered their question with a question? Why do you think He brought up John the Baptist?

What was John the Baptist's message? (See Luke 3:1-9.)

What does the fact that the religious leaders refused to answer Jesus' probing question reveal about them?

What people, things, or events led you to recognize Jesus' authority?

What authority does He have in your life now? How can other people tell?

**Have a volunteer read Luke 20:9-16.**

What do the landowner, the tenants, the servants, and the son represent?

How do you think the leaders mentioned in Luke 20:1-2 felt about the first part of this parable?

How does this parable relate to the question of authority raised in verses 1-8?

**Ask a volunteer to Read Luke 20:17-19.**

How does the quoted Scripture (Psalm 118:22 and Isaiah 8:14-15) relate to the parable?

How does the parable and the quote affect the religious leaders? Why didn't they act?

When have you felt pressure to maintain your reputation or standing with others?

Why do you think Jesus chose this time to tell such a parable?

What are the implications of this parable for us today?

How might we be guilty of rejecting Jesus from time to time?

Why do people today reject Jesus as God's Son? What responsibility do we have in helping them know Him?

## **SERVE**

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In what areas do you struggle to submit to God as King? How might you embrace more of an attitude of submission to God this week?

In light of Jesus' parable, who do you know who needs to prepare for eternity? How will you help them?

What does love require of us with regard to sharing the gospel? How might we help each other overcome our reluctance to share the gospel?

## **PRAYER**

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Thank God for His perfect authority and ask for Him to help you submit to His perfect authority in all that you do. Pray for His guidance as group members seek to share the gospel with their lost friends and family members this week.



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