

Be a
DISCIPLE

Mitchell Berean Church

Come and See (John 1:39)

Follow Me (John 1:43)

Become a Fisher of People (Matt 4:19)

Go Make Disciples (Matt 28:19)

Week 3 - You Need To Submit To God's Authority

In this campaign we are learning about the 4 chairs of Discipleship –

Chair 1 - Come and See (John 1:39)

Chair 2 - Follow Me (John 1:43)

Chair 3 - Become a Fisher of People (Matt 4:19)

Chair 4 - Go Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

As Disciples of Jesus we are asking these 2 questions throughout this campaign:

What chair are you in?

What chair do you need to move towards?

Throughout these eight weeks will focus on the Eight Attitudes we need to have in order to GROW in our relationship with God.

Matthew 5:5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

The third Attitude we will look at is Spiritual Humility or knowing we need to submit to God's authority.

The Bible makes it clear that we must come under God's authority in our life in order to live for Him and in order to grow.

God is the source of all POWER. He has all authority and power over all things. This passage in Job describes to us the power that God has.

Have someone read these verses:

Job 26:7-14 God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. 8 He wraps the rain in his thick clouds, and the clouds don't burst with the weight. 9 He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with his clouds. 10 He created the horizon when he separated the waters; he set the boundary between day and night. 11 The foundations of heaven tremble; they shudder at his rebuke.12 By his power the sea grew calm. By his skill he crushed the great sea monster.13 His Spirit made the heavens beautiful, and his power pierced the gliding serpent. 14 These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?"

We are told to wage war against evil in our world. We submit our lives to God's authority and fight against anything in our lives that is not obedient to Jesus commands.

Have someone read these verses:

1 Corinthians 10:3-6 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. 4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 6 And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.

It is only by submitting every area of our lives to Jesus that we will grow. If you don't take the authority of Jesus seriously then you will not act in obedience to Him. This will keep you from experiencing the blessings of God in your life and will lead to struggle and a lack of power as you seek to be involved in God's work.

Maintaining a spirit of Humility in our lives keeps us in a posture of submitting to God's commands and will.

Questions:

1. Do you remember the first time you were humbled? What happened?
2. Do you notice when someone is not humble and how does that make you feel about them?
3. How do you recognize a lack of humility in your own life?
4. How does God humble you at this stage in your life?
5. Is there a difference between being humbled by God and being humiliated in life?
6. What is it that reminds you to stay humble before God and submit to His authority?
7. What is an area you struggle to submit to God's authority?
8. Since Pride is what caused Satan to fall and pride is what causes us to continue to sin, how do you fight pride in your own life?
9. Do you ever feel that an area of sin in your life is not a big deal or that you even disagree with God about if it is wrong or not? How should we deal with sin in our lives?
10. How can we maintain a spirit of Humility before God?

As you pray together tonight, encourage everyone to share a need. As you pray, ask everyone to pray with their hands open with their palms up, as a physical way of showing our need for God's provision and help.

Weekly Challenge: This week (if you are physically able) practice getting on your knees as you talk to God. Getting on your knees is a physical way we can humble ourselves before God. Tell God you will submit to His guidance in your life and that you will agree with Him regarding His standards for your life.