

Sermon Based Study Questions for 10.26.2014
One Step Behind Jesus: Absolute Authority
Luke 20:1-19

Now that Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem and cleansed the temple He is ready to establish His authority publicly. So He teaches the people and preaches the gospel. This sets off the religious leaders in the temple, and the showdown begins...

Next Step: Respond to Jesus as My Authority!

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- What authority in your life has been the most memorable?
- When you hear the word "authority", does a good or bad image come to mind?

Opening Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- Where did religious leaders get their authority from at the time of Jesus? Where do they today?
- What was the right answer to Jesus' question in verses 3-6?
- Why is the image of a capstone (cornerstone) used to symbolize Jesus?
- What does verse 19 reveal about the real motivation behind the leaders?

Bible Study

Luke 20:1-19

- Why were the leaders challenging Jesus' authority in verse 1 and 2?
- What was the purpose of Jesus' question in verses 3-6?
- Why did the authorities answer in this fashion? (v.7)
- In the parable, what is the vineyard and who are the players? (vs. 9-16)
- What does Jesus mean by v. 17?
- Where do we see grace and judgment in verse 18? (Isa. 8:14 & Dan. 2:34-35)

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Application

- In what area of your life are you struggling submitting to the authority of Jesus right now?
- What does it look like, in your life, for Jesus to have ALL the authority?

Scripture to memorize – Luke 20:17



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