

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of January 17, 2021

MY STORY

Think back on the bosses you've had. Was there one (hopefully *only* one) who was difficult to submit to? How did you do?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The first 8 verses of John 7 deal with timing. What do we learn about Jesus' brothers and Jesus Himself regarding timing? Why the difference in understanding timing?
2. Jesus is fully God—co-equal with the Father yet He submitted to God's timing and plan. Why and why is it important that He did?
3. What do the following passages say about God's timing?
Gal. 4:4-5 John 2:1-4 Matt. 26:17-18 Acts 1:6-8

4. In verse 16 Jesus said that His teaching was God's, not his own. Why would he make that distinction? How should we teach the Bible in light of this?

5. Jim said "the recipient of the glory of the teaching reveals the source and purpose of the teaching". How is this a good evaluation of Biblical teaching? 1 Cor. 2:1-5

6. True authority comes from God alone. What impact does this have on us? How is His authority evidenced in our lives?

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus had much to say about teaching God's word and submitting to God's timing. Ask God to give you opportunity to share His word and submit to His timing.

PRAYER REQUEST

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Fiona Miller as she serves with Operation Mobilization on the Logos Hope in the Bahamas.

Women's Bible Study sign-ups are now available on the church website. Studies begin February 2nd and 3rd.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe *Authority*

John 7:1-24 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer January 17, 2021

I Surrender All?

Jesus: a life surrendered to the authority of God.

I Not from Himself

- We want to determine our timing.
- Jesus followed His Father's timing.
- God's timing is always the right time.

II The Astonished Crowd

- *The teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.*
- If you pursue God, you will understand this.
- The recipient of the glory of the teaching reveals the source and purpose of the teaching.

III True Authority Comes from God Alone

- The heart of the law was the intent of the heart.
- The issue isn't adherence to the Law, but obedience to God.