

Grace Groups Homework  
**"Kingdom Authority"**

Mark 1:21–28

22 April 2018

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

1. When it comes to the public eye, do you prefer to be on stage or working behind the curtains?

**WORLDVIEW**

2. What authorities are you subject to? In each case, how far does that authority reach? What is off limits?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

3. Of what relevance is it that the newly appointed "fishers of men" go directly into the local synagogue and not into the wider community? What is the significance of this understanding for us?

4. "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes."

How is this statement both a criticism and a commendation?

By what three criteria can we assess a teacher's authority and effectiveness?

5. As a community of faith, we stress the importance of gathering with the body, because the Bible does. But gathering is really only the starting point. What should we be anticipating, and what should be our approach be as we gather to worship? What is our responsibility to one another in this regard?
  
6. Do you have a recent testimony of being disturbed by the Word when you thought you were comfortable, or one of being comforted when you have been disturbed? Do you have a testimony of coming to the realisation that since Jesus has all authority, he can deliver you from any sin and temptation?
  
7. Why did Jesus muzzle the evil spirit? Along the same vein, how do you think Jesus felt about his sudden fame and popularity? What was his focal point and driving force throughout his life and ministry?

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