



BIBLE READING NOTES

GATHER, WORSHIP, GO

PREPARE

The first part of our service on Sunday considered the importance of gathering together as believers. In what ways, if any, have you found it helpful to step back and consider Sunday worship differently in lockdown?

BIBLE PASSAGE

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go....." (*Matthew 28 vv 16-20*)

1. What reactions did the disciples have when they saw Jesus (verse 17)? What do you think this shows? Do you think it is possible to worship and doubt at the same time? What is true for you?
2. What does Jesus do to give comfort to his disciples (verse 18)?
3. Look at Daniel 3 vv 13-14. How is Jesus' authority described here?
4. How does verse 18 make the command to 'go' in verse 19 possible?

EXPLORE

When Jesus told His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me," they had had many opportunities to see his authority at work. Read these verses and decide what kinds of authority Jesus is showing.

Mark 1:21-22 - Authority to.....

Mark 1:27b - Authority over.....

Mark 2:10-11 - Authority to.....





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Mark 2:28 - Authority over.....
Mark 3:14-15 - Authority to.....
Mark 4:41 - Authority over.....
Mark 5:41-42 - Authority over.....

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Where do you think Jesus has the most authority in your life?

RESPOND

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. *(Eph 1 vv 18-21)*

The authority of Jesus may be something we don't consider often enough as we follow him. Read this verses prayerfully and pull out what fresh insights strike you as you think about the place that the risen Jesus occupies.

PRAYER

As we consider your Great Commission in our lives as believers, Jesus, we long to receive again a fresh picture of your authority as we read in Daniel – and we praise you as one who has authority, glory, and sovereign power today, just as you have done through history. Thank you for the reminder that you did not chastise the disciples for their doubt, but you came to them, and reminded them who you are. We worship you and ask your Spirit to fill us again with your power so that we are ready to 'go'.

