



## Aim for Week 2

- To see the power and authority of God manifested in your everyday life
- To learn to live in greater dependence on God

## Practical witness

Do something publicly

### 1. 'All Authority in heaven and earth has been given to me'

Matthew 28:18

**'Christian responsibility to the Great Commission begins with a humble acceptance that our success is not contingent upon the measure of our doubting faith, nor upon our ability to persuade. There is no place we can go and no person we can bear witness to that is not already under the comprehensive authority of the risen Christ. We must rest in his authority and then act upon it.'** (Akin, Merkle, Robinson).

### 2. Main point: Jesus has all authority

The purpose of this week is to encourage us that however we may feel ill-equipped or unqualified to participate in the great commission-

- It is not about us
- It is about the power of the One who has commissioned us
- For this reason, before Jesus gives the disciples the great commission, he reminds them who it is that is sending them out
- We must understand and grasp this authority, like the disciples, before we can accept the commission without fearfulness or anxiety

### Jesus' revelation speaks right to the disciples' fears, doubts and hesitations

### 3. Questions

- What do you think about the above quote?
- Do you agree that we need a humble acceptance that we are covered by Jesus's authority to share our hope?
- How can we find rest in his authority?
- How can this bring freedom in our witness?

### 4. Putting it into practice

- How have you got on with the practical witness this week? Share any stories you have.
- If you haven't done it, why not / what has stopped you?
- What thing could you do publicly this week to be more visible in your faith?

### 5. Prayer focus

***"Ask the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in Christ"***

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a real confidence that despite your trepidations and doubts He has authority over every non-believer that you may encounter through prayer and witness. Be open to moving in the gifts of the Spirit with words or pictures that persuade you that Jesus has ultimate authority over everything and you are commissioned in this authority.

### 6. Tools

Take a look at this resource and try using it this week.

- 3 Circles Gospel Series [The 3 Circles - YouTube](#)

What do you think about this as a tool to help share the gospel? Try using it this week.