



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: "The Authority of Christ" - Matthew 21:23-27

Date: **October 10, 2021**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. This text deals with the idea of *authority*. What does it mean to have authority? Why would the religious leaders ask Jesus in verse 23, "*By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?*"
3. One of the primary questions this text seeks to answer is: who is the legitimate authority? How is this question still relevant to us today? Explain.
4. Explain Jesus' response in verse 24 to the question asked of him. How does his question in verse 24 present the religious leaders with a dilemma?
5. How do the religious leaders respond to Jesus' question? What does this reveal about their character?
6. The religious leaders primarily cared about the type of reaction their words would provoke. They feared man. Can you think of a situation in which you might face a similar temptation as the religious leaders did?
7. How do we put to death the sin of man-pleasing in our lives? How do we *put off* cowardice and *put on* courage to stand upon our convictions in its place?