

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION

We need authorities so desperately in our lives and in our society, yet we struggle so much when we have to come under the authority of someone else. We realize that authority is good when it protects us, especially when wrongs are committed against us or someone close to us. However, when we feel authority prohibits us from something we should be able to enjoy, tension enters our thinking and we must decide what or who we will follow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some authorities in our society? Which authorities do we tend to follow or do we tend to rebel against? Why does society have authorities?
2. Was the idea of Biblical Authority important in your family growing up? Why or why not?
3. What are some reasons why we can believe the Bible, and ultimately believe that it can have authority in our lives? Which one/ones are the most important to you?
4. What do these verses say about the Bible itself: *2 Peter 1:20-21*; *2 Timothy 3:16-17*? Do you have trouble believing these verses are true? If not, why do you believe they are true?
5. Which Bible passages do you have a difficult time believing? What are some verses or topics that are in the Bible that you have difficulty believing or applying to your life?
6. What are some things you can do to help apply the concept of Biblical Authority to your life?

THINK ABOUT IT

How did today's study impact you? Are your priorities consistent with Scripture?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Would you consider pursuing the answers to any difficult issues you see in the Bible? Are there some steps you can take that will help you apply the Bible to your everyday life? Please read Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 to help see how prophecies are fulfilled in Scripture.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17