



Christ's Authority and the Church

Icebreaker: What is your favorite tree in fall as the leaves change?

Read Together: Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV), Acts 1:9-11 (ESV),

Discuss:

- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you as you listened to Pastor Jason this week?
- What sphere of government do you struggle most with?

Three Biblical spheres of government:

1. Family – The husband is the head and he and the wife work together.
2. Church – Christ is the head of the church, and He only does what He sees His Father doing.
3. Civil – God sets up rulers and authorities to govern the civic leadership of towns, states, and countries.

Read Together: Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV), Acts 17:7 (ESV), 1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Discuss the Cultural context happening when Paul addressed the issue of who is the true King, versus our current culture and the issue of who is truly in authority.
- What is our role as members of God's Kingdom?

Pray:

Lord, we need your help to discern the proper way to submit to Authority in every sphere of Government. Show us when to submit, and when to stand for righteousness. Help us to see clearly when your word is compromised and set an example in word, and in action to glorify you!!