

Who Are We? 7 Leader's Guide

1. What does it mean that we have authority? (We have the right to command, make decisions, govern.)
2. What kind of authority did Adam and Eve have? (They had the right to govern and care for the earth and God's creation: fish, birds, animals, more.)
3. Did Adam and Eve govern well? (No. They gave away their authority to satan when they sinned.)
4. What did Jesus' death accomplish concerning our authority? (He restored the authority to believers which Adam and Eve lost.)
5. Describe a believer's authority over the devil. (Jesus has given us authority over all demons, all the power of the devil. Holy Spirit in us is stronger than devil. We can resist him, say no, and stand up to him. We need to fight him and use our authority.)
6. What does it mean that we are seated with Christ in the heavenly places? See Ephesians 2:6. (Jesus shares his authority with us. We have access to his throne and his power NOW. We have authority over the devil and evil in our sphere of influence.)
7. How did Esther use the authority God gave her? (Prayed and took action to rescue the Jews, her people)
8. What did Haman want to do? (kill every Jew in the whole kingdom)
9. What evil law did the king agree to? (every Jew would be killed on one day)
10. How did Haman's plan backfire? (He was hanged on the gallows he had built to kill Mordecai)
11. How did Esther risk her life? (Came into king's presence without being invited.)
12. What did the ring mean? What did the king give Esther authority to do? (She had the authority to write another decree. It said that the Jews could unite and defend themselves.)
13. Did the evil plan succeed? (No! The Jews killed all their enemies.)
14. Are you using your authority? Do you stand up to the devil or do you just take it? (Answers will vary.)