

With Authority

Mark 1:21-28

The Story . . .

We _____ in our _____
as we _____ our _____

1. Our _____
 - _____ as _____ of God
2. Our _____
 - _____ by the _____ of God
3. Our _____
 - _____ the _____ of God

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: What's the most fulfilling work you've ever done?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Mark 1:21-28. Where does this take place?

- Who are the main characters?
- What happens?
- How does it end?

Why do you think Mark notes that the people were amazed by Jesus' teaching, but doesn't tell us what Jesus taught?

Who in this story do you identify with? Why?

Do you think we are meant to speak and act with the same authority Jesus did? Why or why not?

- How do you feel about this prospect?

"Authority" includes the idea of having the right to command, control or determine. What gave Jesus this right?

What would give us the right to exercise spiritual authority?

If we've been given this right, why isn't God's Kingdom advancing more forcefully?

What is God calling you to do in response to this passage, the sermon on Sunday, or our discussion?

How can we pray for one another?