Hope Chapel Annual Theme: "The Kingdom Then You in 2022" - part 4

MESSAGE SUMMARY: Jesus Christ has absolute authority in heaven and on earth. The tragedy is most people only understand the reality of the physical world. The physical world and spiritual world are very real. Let's face it...you need the power of God's Spirit to operate in your physical world and spiritual world. That transforming power is only real and operative when you're living under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians have authority to minister life in the Name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Kingdom and Your Authority in Christ

- 1. Jesus has all authority in 2 worlds: physical world & spiritual world. Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 4:18
- 2. Jesus came into this authority by humbling Himself and becoming obedient to the Father. Philippians 2:5-11
- 3. Christian's experience Christ's Authority for their lives by humbling themselves and becoming obedient to Christ.

Philippians 2:5; James 4:6,7,10

4. Christian's authority is given to minister life in the Name of Jesus through the power of the Spirit.

Matthew 18:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 9:1,2; John 20:21

- A. **PRAYER OF PETITION.** Asking the Father "in the Name of Jesus Christ". John 14:12-14
- B. **PRAYER OF COMMAND.** This is a prayer of authority, not a request. It is by the authority given to us from Christ that we cast out demons and heal the sick. Luke 10:17-20, Acts 3:6; 4:30-31

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT – (5 min) Time in praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10 min) What are the different Characteristics between a proud person and humble person? Give your opinion.

EXPLORE IT- (60 min) Take time to review Sunday's message outline and share notes take by the group.

- 1. What part of Sunday's message do you remember most?
- 2. In Luke 10:17-20 what authority does Jesus promise His disciples?
- 3. Describe the difference between the "prayer of petition" and the "prayer of command".
- 4. What forces try to hinder God's work today that would require the "prayer of command"?

APPLY IT- (15 min) What forces try to hinder God's work in your life today? Take time and pray for each of these individual responses with either: a <u>prayer of petition</u> or a <u>prayer of command</u>?