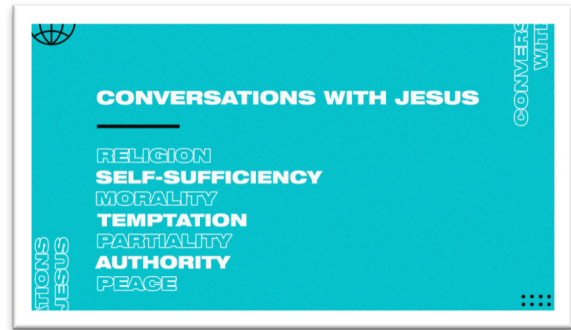


# A CONVERSATION ABOUT AUTHORITY

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**In every aspect of my life, I am under the authority of Jesus Christ.  
It takes humility (v. 5-8). It empowers faith (v. 9-10). It brings hope (v. 11-13).**

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The discussion between Jesus and the centurion required a mutual understanding of the value of authority. What's your current attitude toward authority in general? Does your mindset change when you consider Jesus as Lord?

Name some people that you have authority over. Is it okay for them to trust your care? How have you been showing concern for their health and spiritual needs?

At what point in a crisis would you lead your people to depend more on Jesus' power than on human authority alone? (Matthew 8:6)

While the centurion respected Jesus, many of the Israelites did not. Do the people under your authority show appropriate respect for your position? How should you respond to them when they respect or disrespect you? (Matthew 8:10-13)

Name someone who has authority over you? How do you show appropriate respect for their position and purpose in your life? (See Matthew 8:7 and compare with Matthew 8:13.)

How has their authority encouraged/discouraged you when it comes to trusting other people to lead and care for you? How may this influence your ability to submit to Jesus as your Lord?

What changes when you don't or won't give an authority figure proper respect? How does someone who denies Hell show they do not accept the consequences of disregarding Jesus' authority?

Valuing authority sets us up to respond appropriately to Jesus Christ. He is called the "*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*," and Revelation 19:11-16 boldly articulates Jesus' supremacy. Read this passage and decide if the picture of Jesus comforts you or concerns you. Why does God want you to recognize Jesus as Lord? What does it mean for you to relate to him as described in the passage above?

*"The centurion spoke for Rome, but he knew that Jesus spoke for God."*