



# Where is Your Power?

Week of June 5, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

## Message Recap:

Read Matthew 12:15-21

In our broken world, people struggle for power. We fight each other for resources to attain more power, always looking for the next way to get ahead. The world says that power equals resources and position. The trouble is, those resources run out, and position is only temporary. But Jesus shows us the kind of power that matters. His power is different. It is eternal and unlimited. And becoming a child of God gives you access to his power. It is not based in resources or position. It is based instead in *identity* and *purpose*. As a child of God, your identity is in Jesus, negating the need for resources because in Christ you have everything you need. As God's child, your power is also in your purpose. There is a reason you were born, a reason you are here. And everything you do in your life can be used for the good of the Kingdom. So when you live on *purpose* in the *identity* God has given you, you have all the power you need, both now and for eternity.

## Pray

God, the world wants me to believe that my power comes from my resources and position, but I don't want to live that way. I want to live in the power of being your child; the kind of power that comes from the identity and purpose you have created for me. Thank you for that power. Please help me use it for good.

## Getting Started

- Who do you think is the most powerful person in our world? Why?
- How has the power the world offers and/or the power Jesus offers influenced your life?

## Listening Deeply

1. How do you see power being used in the world? Give examples of power being used for good, or of power being misused.
2. What kind of resources or position have you seen people use to attain power?
3. What are your resources? What is your position?
4. How is the power we have as children of God different than the power of the world? Is it better? Why or why not?
5. What is the importance of knowing our identity and purpose in Jesus?
  - Discuss Jesus' identity and how his identity defines us.
  - Consider how our identity affects our purpose in the kingdom.
6. What do you think your purpose is?
7. Most of us have some kind of resource or position; how can you combine your Kingdom identity and purpose with your resources and position in the world help people see Jesus?

## Living Wide in Jesus

Where is your power? You can keep on trying to achieve and gain human power which will run out and is limited. Or you can accept Jesus as your Savior, (or renew the joy of your salvation), and live your life as an adopted child of God having your identity and purpose in Jesus. As Daniel kept his eyes on God when he sat in the lion's den, you too must keep your focus on God. Our heavenly Father is in control. He is the source of eternal real power. Know your identity and use your passions and gifts in the kingdom. Think how this can change your life not just this week, but in all the weeks to come!