

The Others

3. Authority

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 10.1-24

¹⁸ He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

- Take a look at the times joy, rejoicing and blessing are mentioned in this chapter. How does that impact you? We're used to the idea that Jesus can do things that bring us joy, but do we ever think that we can also do things that bring *him* joy?
- Have you ever experienced times of joy and excitement as a result of taking risks with your faith – praying for someone, sharing your faith, extending an invitation etc?
- What appeals to you about the idea of Authority (right) vs. Power (ability)? Do you see yourself as an 'undercover agent' in God's Kingdom? If not, why not?
- Do you think we wield God's Kingdom Authority as much as we should – as individuals, as a group, as a church?
- What encourages you most about the story of The Others? How can you apply it to your life over the next few weeks?
- What things would make it easier for you to invite friends to church events? What would need to change in you to make you more effective in sharing your faith with those around you, and invite them to experience more?
- Who are you planning to invite to Metro Carols on December 10th? What do you want Jesus to do to help you with that?

Big Idea: 'Jesus gives All of God's Authority to All of God's People to bring All of God's Kingdom to All of God's World.'

Pray in 2s and 3s for each other. Pray for a renewed sense of God's Kingdom Authority invested in you. Commission one another. Pray for a new willingness and boldness to be a 'worker in God's harvest field. Pray for the friends that you'd like to invite to the Carol Service. Pray for the power of Satan to be defeated and for God's joy to be revealed.