

NewSpring Church Personal Study Guide

Now What? — Week 3 — Authority — Which chair are you in?

Matthew 7:28-29 says, “When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

- What is the definition of authority? How did the people know Jesus had “it”? How do you know when you hear someone speaking with authority?
- What is the consequence of not living under authority?
- Why do people have a problem with authority?
- Why is authority helpful for us?
- Why do people have a problem with pastors who speak with authority?

Luke 9:23-24 says, “Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”

- What does life look like for a person who has “taken up his cross”?
- Do you think there are aspects of the Christian experience that we fail to appreciate because of the culture and country that we live in?

Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Of the four chairs (condemned, convenience, contributor, crucified), which one do you sit? What must you do in order to move from where you are to where you need to be? How do we get to the point where the verse above describes our life?