

Authority Without Fear
UNSEEN: What You Don't See is Still There
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Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read Matthew 16:13-16, 18 and 17:1-2.

Where are Jesus and His disciples in Matthew 16? What question does Jesus ask and how do the disciples respond?

The place where Jesus & the disciples were had been an epicenter for pagan worship for centuries. What declaration about the future does Jesus make in verse 18 and why do you think He chose to make it in that location?

In Matthew 17, Jesus returns to Mt. Hermon with three of His disciples. What happens there and what is significant about the location of this event?

2. Read Mark 1:21-27 and 5:6-8.

How are the evil spirits described in these verses? How do they interact with Jesus? And how does Jesus respond to them and what happens as a result?

3. Read Philippians 2:9-11.

What does this verse tell you about Jesus? Who is under His authority? How will they someday respond to Him?

4. Read Matthew 16:21.

The disciples have just heard Peter declare Jesus to be the Messiah. Now what does Jesus begin to explain to them?

5. Read Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:14-15 and Revelation 1:17-18.

What did Jesus' death on the cross accomplish for those who believe? And what impact did it have on the enemies in the unseen realm?

6. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9.

What proactive posture does Peter encourage believers to take toward the enemy? Why is this so important?

7. Read Ephesians 6:10-13 and 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

Who is our enemy? What do these verses tell you about how we are to fight against him? What result can we expect when we fight with the weapons Jesus has provided for us?

8. Read Luke 10:20 and Psalm 33:10.

What do these verses tell you about the perspective we need to maintain as we push back the darkness? Who is in control? Why is it important to remember this?

8. Read John 1:5, Matthew 5:14-16, Ephesians 5:8-11 and Acts 13:47.

What is your role as a follower of Jesus in a dark world? How are you fulfilling it?