

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
- 2. Let's read our primary text. How does Jesus' counter-question to the scribes and pharisees concerning John's baptism expose their hypocrisy?
- 3. How do we act like the scribes and pharisees in our own lives? Have you ever found yourself pursuing self-preservation, even above truth?
- 4. What warning does Jesus give by quoting Psalm 118:22 ("the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone")?
- 5. What does Jesus mean by, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's"? Where else might you navigate in the Bible for perspective regarding authority?
- 6. It seems authority is wired into creation. Why do you think that is?
- 7. When you approach the Bible, would you say you approach it with a deep sense of its authority in your own life? Do you find yourself orienting your life around the Bible or the Bible around your life?
- 8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.