



We are spending September 2025 across all our services, thinking about prayer. What is prayer? How do we pray, both individually and corporately? And what practices help us as we engage in this most vital and life giving activity. These Home Group questions are based around the Sunday morning talks at 9.30am as we consider Rhythm, Relationship, Receiving, and Release. More prayer content can be found from our 6.30 and Wed@10 services too, as well as previous prayer series on our website: www.kpc.org.uk/prayer.

There are plenty of questions here to explore, don't feel you need to

Starter:

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this last week?
2. Who would you say has authority over you? How do you feel about that (like it, hate it, accept it, reject it)?
3. Where do you have authority? How do you feel about that?

Read Matthew 10:1-8

4. In v1, Jesus calls his disciples to him and gives them authority. What is the relationship between him calling and him giving authority?
5. Looking at the list of the 12, v2-4, what stands out to you?
6. What does the phrase 'The Kingdom of heaven has come near' mean to you? How have you experienced the nearness of the Kingdom?

Read Acts 19:11-20

7. The authority given by Jesus to the 12 apostles didn't stop with them, v11-12 suggests that Paul also had this authority from Jesus. Why do you think, or how do you think, the miracles with aprons and handkerchiefs happened?
8. Looking at v13-16, what was the main difference between Paul's ministry and the 7 sons of Sceva?
9. Can you draw any parallels between these interactions and any scenarios in our culture?
10. How do you respond to the idea you Jesus gives you authority to minister in similar ways to the 12 and Paul? How does that make you feel?
11. What are some of the potential dangers here? (*NB thinking perhaps about abuse of this authority through pride or neglect of this authority through fear*).
12. How would you describe the way that Jesus, the 12, and Paul exercise spiritual authority?
13. Are there any situations you are facing at the moment where you would like to be more assured of the presence and authority of Jesus with you?

Finally

14. We may have touched on some sensitive and challenging areas in this session, how has all this made you feel about your relationship with Jesus?
15. Authority in the spiritual realm comes from first being called to Jesus (Mt10v1). Spend some time in silence, with a lighted candle or with some quiet music, drawing close to him now.
16. Pray for one another about anything that has come up tonight, or any other prayer needs?