



June 22nd, 2025

Sermon: A New Way Part 3: Authority

Main text: Matthew 7:28-29

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Other, Key points questions to reflect on and discuss from Ryan's message:

Some Key take ways...

Jesus teaches not based on tradition, but on divine authority.

The crowd's reaction: "astonished," because His teaching carried life-changing power.

Hearing Jesus' words demands a response: to do as well as hear.

Discipleship involves engagement, transformation, and obedience—not just knowledge.

Jesus' teaching is not advisory—it's foundational.

Like building a house on rock, responding to Jesus' words provides spiritual stability.

Where in your life do you still default to rules or tradition instead of trusting Jesus' authority?

Describe a moment when Jesus' teaching genuinely amazed you—what changed?

What specific instruction from Jesus (e.g., on forgiveness, generosity, prayer) do you need to obey right now?

How can our group better support each other in living under Christ's authority this week?

What does "astonishment" look like in your spiritual life? How can we cultivate wonder as a group?

We encourage you to committing to one actionable step, and pray for bold, obedient hearts.