



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 8

Power in the Name of Jesus - Part 1

Mathew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:45-49, Acts 1:7-8

There is power in the name of Jesus. We need the power of Jesus to access a glorious future with God where we enter into his power, promise, and provision – doing things we could never do and going places we could never go in our own name .

The weight of our name is not enough to accomplish all that God has for us, so in every circumstance we face we call on the beautiful, powerful name of Jesus. When we call on the name of the Lord, we know it is not our power, our strength, our godliness, but through the name of Jesus Christ that the work of God is gloriously displayed in our lives.

Jesus, our benefactor, brings his life, healing, forgiveness, hope, promise, and victory into our lives. We take no glory for ourselves, nor attribute his work to any other name. When we give God all the glory we understand his name holds weight above all, and our lives open up to see all God has for us.

Jesus gives us his name. When Jesus commissioned his church, he gave people the authority to go out, live lives reaching the lost, healing the sick, casting out demons, fulfilling God's promises through his name. We are Jesus' representatives on earth and when we operate under his name we have all the protection, resource, authority, provision, strength and empowerment to be a blessing. As we carry his name, bringing his life to others, may we give him all the glory for the wonders he has done and will do in Jesus' name.

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Share a time you have been granted access somewhere you didn't deserve to be. What happened? What was it like?

- Q:** What have you gained access to as a Christian that you would never have enjoyed as an unbeliever? (**Leader's Tip:** This can be generic (e.g. forgiveness) or personal (e.g. ministry opportunities)).
- Q:** What are some of the most influential people or groups that hold weight in and shape our world? How can we make sure that Jesus holds greater weight in our lives?
- Q:** How often do you find yourself calling on the name of Jesus? Describe how you do it. What effect does it have? Give some personal examples.
- Q:** What does it mean to "give glory" to God? What are some of the ways we can do it? Share an example where you can give Jesus glory for bringing his life, healing, forgiveness, hope, promise, and/or victory into your life.
- Q:** What areas has Jesus given us authority to step into? (**Tip:** see the scriptures above) Which ones

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- With the release of our new live album "No Other Name", be sure to keep the team, the album and its impacts across the globe in your prayers!
- Friday (Brisbane) & Sunday Nights - During the month of August we present the Gospel in new and innovative ways! What a great opportunity to bring friends and family to Church!!

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Read: Mathew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:45-49, Acts 1:7-8

- Q:** Identify the key features of Jesus' commission to his disciples in each passage?
- Q:** How are the passages similar and different? Is there any significance in this?
- Q:** In the context of the Great Commission, what is the significance of Jesus' statement "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me (Matt 28:18)?"
- Q:** What does it mean to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19)?
- Q:** Why is baptism important in the Great Commission? Why is it "in the name"?
- Q:** Putting all these passages together, what does it mean to "be witnesses"?
- Q:** What have you learned from these scriptures and discussion that has built your faith to go out in Jesus' authority?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** How can you operate in the authority and power of the name of Jesus in your leadership?
- Q:** How would you apply this in ministry, home life or in the workplace?
- Q:** How can we grow in authority?
- Q:** Why is it that some people's lives move forward into all that God has for them, whilst some other's don't?
- Q:** Leaders need confidence and a strong identity. How do we develop these, yet keep it about Him? (**Tip:** No cliché answers).
- Q:** As a leader, how do we gather people to our leadership yet keep giving the glory to God?
- Q:** Most people fear public speaking. What about you? How can this fear be overcome?

PRAY TOGETHER

- Opportunities to share your story with others
- Decisions for Jesus in our Services
- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS – ON MISSION

One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering. Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.

Hillsong Church, Kiev & Moscow

Please take the time to pray for our churches in Kiev and Moscow, especially at this uncertain time. If you follow Ps Bobbie on twitter /instagram, you will have seen amazing pictures contrasting the atmosphere of value and hope inside the Colour services with the tragic scenes on the streets: "Let's keep praying God's will into all this unrest and tension. Many of us might be removed from this geographically, but these are our brothers and sisters. Our hearts are with them, right?" Let's express the convictions of our hearts and please take the time to give a great Nation Builders offering.

