

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's and slides listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Authority

Watch the movie clip from the Chaperone.

Use these questions to help facilitate discussion.

- Why did the teacher have a difficult time getting everyone's attention? Why did the chaperone not have any trouble? Do you think you have to be loud to command authority? Why or why not?
- Of all the authority figures in your life, who commands your attention the most?
- What characteristics do they possess that make you pay attention?
- What does it mean to have authority? What does it mean to speak with authority? What is the difference?

✔ Teaching

Read Mark 1:21-28.

Watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- Why do you think the people were amazed by Jesus' teaching as opposed to that of the teachers of the law?
- What do you think Jesus' teaching style must have been like to command so much authority with his words?
- How did Jesus actions back up his authoritative words? Why might this have contributed to some people's decision to follow Jesus?

✔ Action

Why do you think news of Jesus teaching and actions spread so quickly?

Show the clips from Evan Almighty.

- How did the way the government wanted to change the world compare to God's idea?
- How did God want Evan to change the world?

- Do you think it is possible to change the world with mere words? Why is it necessary for our actions to back that up?
- If you had unlimited time and resources, what one way would you want to change the world we live in? What is stopping you?
- If God wanted you to change the world, what would God ask you to do? How would God want you to start?
- When it comes to serving God, do your actions speak as loud as your words? Why or why not?
- How can we as a group begin to change our world?

Close with prayer.

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