

Who Gets to Say? *Matthew 7:28-29*

1. What single thing in the Sermon on the Mount has stood out to you most? What change in your life do you most want to make in light of the Jesus' words in the sermon?

2. Look up the following references to "authority" in Matthew's Gospel and make some notes about the insight they give you regarding the role of authority and the ministry of Jesus. (pay attention to the surrounding context of each)

Mt. 8:9 –

Mt. 9:6 –

Mt. 10:1 –

Mt. 21:23-27 –

Mt. 28:19 –

3. What grants someone authority? Why did you choose the characteristics or items that you did?

4. How in the Sermon on the Mount does Jesus demonstrate that He has the “legitimate position” to have authority even though He never explicitly claims His deity throughout his talk? (You might start with Mt. 5:11-12 just to get rolling)

5. Take your answer to question #1 and write out an action plan for how you will make the change that you want to make.

Change to be made: _____

Steps to be taken: _____

Who will hold me accountable? _____

6. Pray for one another to move forward in this particular area of life. Also pray that each would respond to Jesus by bringing their lives more under His authority.