

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Mark 1:21-28,35-42

Session Summary

Imagine the people's shock when Jesus walked in and began teaching without quoting anyone else. Jesus was able to teach in such a manner because His words came entirely from His own authority. Not only did Jesus reveal His power through the authority of His word, but He revealed it through His miracles as well. Immediately after Jesus taught in the synagogue with authority, He displayed the legitimacy of that authority by casting a demon out of a man. However, even though Jesus knew the purpose of His ministry, the people around Him often misunderstood it. Both the people of Capernaum and Jesus' own disciples missed the point of Jesus' words and actions.

Conversation Questions

- What does it look like for our family to submit to and trust in the authority of Jesus?
- Why should we trust in His power and authority?
- When have we seen God perform miracles in our own lives?
- Is our family living on mission for Jesus right now? If so, how?

Family Challenge

In the space below, write down five leaders or authority figures that your family admires the most. It could be someone's boss, a pastor, a coach, a friend, and so on. Discuss what makes their authority and leadership worth following and compare it to Jesus, who stands far above them all.

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