

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY · STUDY SHEET

Movement VIII · Who Keeps You in Line?

By What Authority?

The series question: "*And who is my neighbor?*" (Luke 10:29)

MATTHEW 21:23 And He having come into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came near to Him as He was teaching, saying, By what authority do You do these things? And who gave this authority to You?

24 And answering, Jesus said to them, I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The baptism of John, from where was it? From Heaven, or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven, He will say to us, Why then did you not believe him?

26 But if we should say, From men, we fear the people. For all hold John to be a prophet.

27 And answering Jesus, they said, We do not know. And He said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

READ ALONG: Matthew 21:23–27; 2 Corinthians 3:1–3; 2 Corinthians 10:12

Follow along

1. What did the chief priests and elders demand of Jesus?

2. Why couldn't they answer his question about John?

3. What did Paul offer in place of letters of commendation?

4. What is the problem with people who measure themselves against themselves?

5. What credentials do people ask for before they'll listen to someone?

6. When has someone without credentials taught you something true?

7. Whom have you made prove themselves to you, and who gave you that role?

Leave them with

THE ONE QUESTION

Who appointed the examiner?

- 1. Who is your "letter," the people your life has touched?
- 2. Whose authority have you questioned when you should have been looking at their fruit?

The empty chair. Every week one chair at our table stays empty. It is for the person you would never invite.

Notes