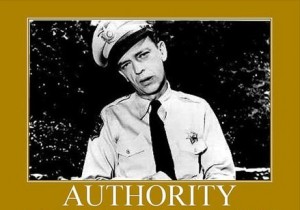
LifeGroup Coaching Sheet

### August 19, 2012

### Whose Authority?

**My Prayer for you:** Father forgive us for wanting our own way and not seeking first Your kingdom. We ask that You would make us an unstoppable force by aligning our wills and hearts under You and those you have placed over us. Increase our faith so we witness Your abundant life given to us. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

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**Knowing the spiritual law of authority is critical to understanding why we pray.**

**Q** – Have you ever seen a soccer match between 5 – 6 year olds? It looks like mob ball. Now compare that to a professional soccer team that plays for the world cup. What are the differences and why?

**– Matt 28:18 – 19 says “…All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you”**

**Q** – Have you ever been given an assignment without the authority to do it? How did that make you feel?

**Game Time**: Play a quick game of “Simon Says”; what happens to the game if nobody listens?

**Context:** God has given each of us an assignment but He has also given us the authority to do it. In fact there are things that will not happen if we don’t step up and pray or stand in the gap. What happens in the church if we fail to follow the authority God has given?

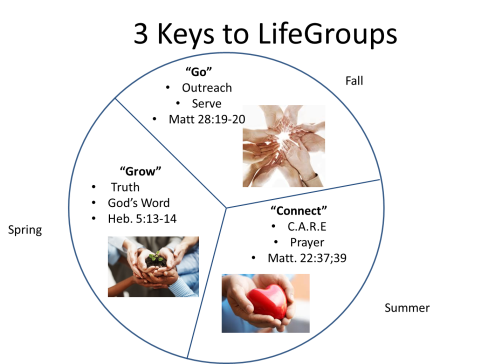
**Q – God is sovereign (Gen 1:1), which means he has all authority but the Bible teaches us that He gave it to Adam and Eve in the garden (Gen 1:28). After the fall Satan took the authority God gave him to rule the earth (Eph 2:2). Then Jesus came to earth and took it back through His death upon the Cross and now He has given His authority to us (The church). How should that given authority affect our lives? Our prayers? Our beliefs? Our Faith? Share an example -**

**Close in Prayer: Use the verse below to guide your prayers -**

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**Acknowledge God’s authority by taking the Lord’s Supper**

* Confess your sins – moment of silence 1 Corinthians 11:27-31
* Remember His Body Broken for you Matthew 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:23-24
  + Thank the Lord for His Body
* Remember His Blood Shed for our sins Matthew 26:27; 1 Cor. 11:25-26
  + Thank the LORD for His blood
* Sing a worship Song (suggestion ??)

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