

# How to Face A Challenge

## Week One: Authority



Knowing Whose we are helps us grow in our new identity that Jesus gives to all His followers. Rooting your identity in Christ allows you to confidently pursue your purpose and face challenges. In this study, we will learn that as our confidence rises in Jesus' authority, who we are in Him, and what God has created us to do, we have the opportunity to join Jesus in his work that He's still doing here on Earth.

## Introspect

- Think about when you meet a person for the first time in a work or social environment. What are some things you typically ask them? List some of the things you tell someone when asked those same questions about yourself.
- Why do the answers we give often help us get a snapshot into who we are and where we place our confidence?

## Investigate

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“And Jesus said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’” Luke 20:8 (ESV)

### Read Luke 20:1-8

- Why was Jesus so confident in who He was?
- How and why did Jesus display wisdom in His conversation with the Pharisees?
- Why do you think the Pharisees were so concerned with who Jesus was?

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“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

### Read Ephesians 2:4-10

- What is the significance of the words, “In Christ Jesus”?
- How does knowing and understanding “Whose we are” change the way we can live our life with confidence and know our purpose?

### Incorporate

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“For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Colossians 3:3-4 (ESV)

- Practically speaking, how does placing your identity in Christ give you the confidence to do whatever He asks from you? **Read Colossians 3:3-4** and **2 Corinthians 5:17** to help with these questions.
- Are there people or areas in your life that challenge where you place your identity? Discuss those things. If so, what enables you to remain grounded in Christ and see past the opinions of man and those other obstacles in your life?
- How does your confidence in Christ motivate your actions and purpose? Give some everyday examples.

### Investment

- As a church, we are committed to “go” to other nations. Take a look at where we will go in 2015 at [www.covechurch.org/serveglobally](http://www.covechurch.org/serveglobally).
- As a Life Group, choose one of the countries where we are going that your group will commit to praying together for each week.

