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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## Small Group Questions — The Week of October 4, 2020

**Sermon Overview:** As Jesus begins His ministry of teaching and healing, we see how the crowds are responding to His person, word, and works. In these verses, Mark is careful to show us the authority that Christ possesses and how the crowds respond to His authority—they are drawn to Him, or they despise Him. The same is true today. Christ has been given all authority. He is our King! How should this reality make a difference to us as we navigate a world that rejects authority? Mark gives us the answer as we see more and more of who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him.

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 1:21-34

1. Why were the people astonished at Jesus' teaching? What else made them astonished?
2. When was the first time you remember being astonished at Jesus' teaching?
3. How did Christ's authority impact those in this narrative?
4. How does Jesus' authority reveal itself to the man with the unclean spirit?
5. What can we learn about Jesus' authority in our own battle against the enemy?
6. How can the authority of Christ make a specific difference in your life today?