



USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** The love of power runs through our hearts, but the power of love runs through Jesus. He trusted the Lord and was secure in his identity. He knew **whose** he was. He knew **who** he was. And he knew **why** he was. And that gave him a different kind of power.

» **Main Points**

- Know Whose You Are.
- Know Who You Are.
- Know Why You Are.
- The Antidote to the Paper Tiger of Power is **Humility**

» **Getting Started**

- Give an example of someone who has used their power to do good.
- Who is someone who has misused their power to cause harm?

» **Observation**

- Read and reflect on [Galatians 4:3-11](#) (The Message Version); [Matthew 20:25-28](#); [Philippians 2:6-7](#); [Luke 4:1-13](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [2 Corinthians 12:9](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

 **reachout**

- One of the ways we can use the power we have is to love other people and use our power to do good in the world around us. Are there ways this week that you can use the power you have to make a difference in the people around you?

 **growdeep**

- Reread Luke 4:1-13. Summarize the three temptations Jesus faced. Describe how each temptation could have been a misuse of power.
- Know **WHOSE** you are, **WHO** you are, and **WHY** you are. Which of these three statements is most difficult for you? How are identity and trust connected?
- In what ways are you pursuing the calling God has for you? If you are honest with yourself, are you more concerned with the pursuit of power or God's power in your weakness?

 **partner with families**

- Take time this week as a family to pray for those in power. Think through who those people are: principals, bosses, parents, government officials. Choose one person for each day this week and pray together as a family.

» **Next Steps and Prayer**

- Over the next week, read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 12:9. Turn this into a personal prayer that reflects your current situation.
- Close by asking God to give you the strength to recognize how his power can be perfected in your weakness.