

August 16, 2020

POWER
Ephesians 5/Galatians 6/John 1

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT “POWER”, WHAT COMES TO MIND?

Historically, _____ have been understood to _____ and, thus, _____ control _____ and the _____ to exercise it.

Categories of _____, _____, _____, or _____ all miss the point.

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This is about the _____ we have as _____* of God to learn and live _____ - _____ as _____ . Eph. 5:1-21; Gal. 3:26-5:26; Phil. 2:3-11; John 1:12-13

HOW WILL YOU STEWARD YOUR POWER?

Mark 10:35-45; John 10:17-18

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What thought stood out most to you in the message?

In what ways can categorizing our positions distract us from what’s really at stake?

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What fears cause us to get stuck on roles of men and women over concerns about Jews and Greeks or masters and slaves?

In what ways can being a child of God cause us to be countercultural to both society and even our Christian traditions?

How can you steward your power to pour out on behalf of all of those around you? How difficult do you find that to be?

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