

## **Sermon Notes**

### **Higher Authority**

What problems result when there is conflict and confusion of different authorities ... in the world? ... in our lives? ... in our hearts and minds?

How has God used his authority for our good?

What does it mean for Christians that Christ is the Head over every ruler and authority?

What should our attitude be toward the Scriptures and everything that is taught in them when we know that Christ is the Head and highest authority?

What does Jesus, through the Bible, have to tell me about the value of life and how it applies to issues I am dealing with or our society is divided by?

## **Action Guide**

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These are steps I want to take in my life right now, having recognized that our Lord and Savior is the Authority higher than every other:

1. Identify “authorities” in my life and in the world that are rivals to or rebel against the Lord’s authority and that I listen to and follow when I shouldn’t:
2. Identify those things that in my sinfulness I don’t want to hear when Christ speaks through the Scriptures, and evaluate why I don’t want to:
3. Identify those things that protect, defend, or promote life in our society that I have until now avoided doing, and should be doing:
4. List the ways that knowing Christ’s authority is highest will help me in my faith and in my words and actions, especially in regard to life issues:
5. The difference that Christ’s love and sacrifice has made in my life makes me want to make a difference with my life. This is a way I can begin to and will make a difference for others, as one who values people’s lives and souls as Jesus taught us with his example: