

Christianity with Power #5

Connections Class – October 14, 2018

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1. Prayer for the Lord to Meet us and Heal us
2. Quick Review of last week's class
3. **Jesus Had a Worldview - chapter 9**
 - The term “miracle” implies abnormality or breaking of natural laws
 - How did Jesus view miracles? (Luke 9:13)
 - Jesus naturally turned to God's power (should we?)
 - Kingdom perspectives vs. Biblical worldview (ex. Peter's worldview) God works through culture

How Jesus' Worldview Challenges Our Perspective:

Two major perspectives for Jesus that challenge our view: Power and Love

 - Jesus' view of the Father as having absolute authority, actively involved in Creation, values people with love, stands against oppressors, relates on basis of motives vs. surface
 - Jesus assumed the existence of the spirit world & the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan (Mt 12:22-29, 1 Jn 5:19, Col 2:15)
 - Jesus assumed power confrontations (Luke 4:32-39)
 - It is assumed Jesus and His followers receive all their power from the Holy Spirit (Lk 3:21-23, Acts 1:8)
 - Jesus relies on the Father for His authority and only does what He is doing (Jn 5:19)
 - Believing is seeing (Luke 8:9-10) Knowledge is for those who trust and believe
 - Obedience brings knowledge (John 7:16-17) Obedience allows God's power to flow unhindered
 - Agape love is the right response to God and people (Mt. 22:37-40)
 - Jesus: the importance of forgiving others to receive forgiveness (Mt 6:12)
 - If we acknowledge our sin, God will forgive us (1 Jn 1:9)
 - We are not to fight back or take revenge but instead repay evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21)
 - We are to seek first His kingdom as the purpose of our lives (Mt 6:33)
 - We are to risk with God rather than preserve for God (Mt 25:14-30)
 - To be great in the kingdom become like a child (Mt. 18:1-5)
 - One who would lead should seek to serve others (Mt. 20:25-28)
4. **Small group Questions to process:**
 - Which area of Jesus' worldview is most challenging for you?
 - What could relying on the Father for His authority look like in your daily life if you risked more?
5. Summary thoughts for today
6. For next week read: Chapter 9, pages 101-115 & workbook