

AUTHORITY and ADULTHOOD Need - Here are suggested questions to ask yourself or discuss within a group:

1. In your family growing up, how was authority modeled? (authoritarian, passive, paternal/father-led or maternal/mother-led, Laissez-Faire/Permissive)

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2. When considering your view of God as an authority figure who “reigns over the nations”, when do you struggle to submit or accept that authority? (Life events that affect you or your family; world leaders)

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3. Considering how the events unfolded with the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar and the Persian King Cyrus, does it build your faith or raise more questions with your view of God? Why?

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4. What characteristic in Abraham do you need to approach authority the way he approached God?

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5. What are the differences, if any, of how you respond to authority on your job, in your community or in your local congregation?

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6. Which is the easiest for you to do – submit to authority, exercise authority or question authority and why?

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7. Which is the hardest for you to do – submit to authority, exercise authority or question authority and why?

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