

"POWER IN THE NAME"

1. What experience have you seen somebody go through that you thought must be amazing and you would jump at the chance to do if suddenly empowered and equipped to do so? Fly in space? Free climb a mountain?

2. If you could experience one of Jesus' miracles, which would you choose? Why? Which would you not want to see? Why? How might seeing ALL of Jesus' miracles over a three year period impact you?

3. Why do you think Jesus wanted the twelve to go on this mission? Why now? Why not do it all Himself?

4. What signs do you see in and throughout the ministry of Jesus that point to the fact that there is a great spiritual war going on? How do the demons respond to Jesus? What do they know about Him? Why does He silence them?

5. What did "in the name of" mean during that time? What does it mean for us to do things in the name of Jesus?

6. How does our calling on and doing things in the name of Jesus differ from the way pagans called upon the name of their gods. What sets the Judeo-Christian worldview apart?

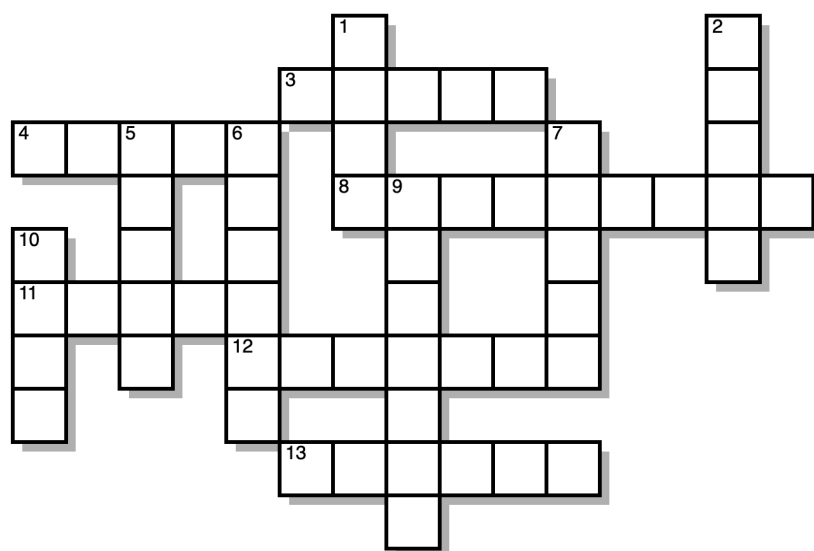
7. What's in a name? How important are names in the Bible and how does the way they viewed names and the whole naming process differ from the way we view names and the whole naming process?

8. Naomi ("pleasant") renamed herself Mara ("bitter"). Think of a difficult season in your life. What might you have called yourself as you walked your difficult valley. Why?

9. Many people, when they became Christians, took on a Christian name. If you could rename yourself today in light of your identity in Christ, what would you name yourself? Why?

10. When the 70 disciples returned from a later similar commissioning (Luke 10:17-20), they were filled with joy and excitement in telling Jesus all they had done. How does Jesus turn this into a teaching moment?

11. How is the demonic at work in your culture, your family, even perhaps in your own life? What difference does it make to you (if any) to know that you bear God's authority into those situations? Where and how do you think He is calling you to act?

**ACROSS**

- 3 John's brother.
 4 The seven sons of this man tried to use Jesus' name like an incantation, Harry Potter style.
 8 In the ancient worldview the person who names someone or something has _____ over that person or thing.
 11 "Put on the full _____ of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)
 12 "Therefore, God also highly _____ Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9)
 13 "rejoice that your names are written in _____." (Luke 10:20)

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- 1 Naomi changed her name to this.
 2 The magic books burned in Acts 19:19 were estimated to be worth about _____ thousand pieces of silver.
 5 The Babylonian creation epic is known as the _____ Elish.
 6 Peter's brother.
 7 "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if every one of them were written down, I suppose not even the _____ itself could contain the books that would be written." (John 21:25)
 9 "Summoning his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over _____ spirits"
 10 The seven sons tried to drive out a demon "in the name of Jesus whom _____ preaches."

WORD SEARCH:

Gospels	Sheep
Miracles	Names
Disciples	Moses
Commission	Trust
Kingdom	Ambassador
Authority	Confidence
Spirits	Satan
Healing	Demonic
Cleansing	Jesus
Raising	Prayer
Gentiles	Love
Samaritans	

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