



## THEME

Honest Attempts @ Following Jesus > Power designed for Good brings Rest for our Souls

## ANCHORED TO TRUTH

Matthew 11:28-30, Acts 4:1-13, Micah 2:1-5

## CONVERSATION

1. We talked Friday night about the propensity we have to stay in the design, preparation + research stage >> and our hesitancy to move to the launch stage > what generally keeps us from actually buckling in + lighting the fuse of our faith?
  - a. What does it do to our hope & faith when we fail to launch?
  - b. How could our 'failure to launch' affect those investigating the legitimacy of following Jesus?
2. We talked about power structures + systems as well. It's been said that "power corrupts" > have you seen mishandled power corrupt organizations, communities, relationships + churches?
  - a. Explain.
  - b. Why is power so hard for us to handle > even inside churches + communities of faith?
3. Look at **Micah 2:1-2** >

*What sorrow awaits you who lie awake at night, thinking up evil plans. You rise at dawn and hurry to carry them out, simply because you have the power to do so. When you want a piece of land, you find a way to seize it. When you want someone's house, you take it by fraud and violence. You cheat a man of his property, stealing his family's inheritance.*

- A. What are some real-life examples you've seen of 'power for the sake of power'?
  - a. Is this just the 'human condition'? Why do we default to such a broken way of doing things?
  - b. What kind of 'stories' have you seen this kind of power structure 'write'?
- B. What are some stories (you've read in the Bible or experienced) that reveal God's idea of power?
  - a. What effect does God's power structure have on the communities, organizations + people it touches?
- C. Can you see how using power to give instead of take is 'lighter' + easier to 'carry'? (Mt. 11:28-30)
  - a. Explain.
  - b. How can it bring 'rest to our soul'?

## RESPOND:

> Is there anything we can do now to live out this kind of generosity > use our power, influence + resources to help + serve?  
> Take time to pray for & encourage each other >

- Pray about those things that stop us from moving past the research + design phase > to 'launch' phase of our faith.

- Pray about the *trust issues* we have that keep us wearing the status quo 'yoke' of the world > instead of the yoke + way of Jesus.