TOPIC: ACCESS CODE: IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Activate your access code and bring heaven's attention to your need by calling on the name of Jesus.

KEY POINTS

- Access codes give us authority and privileges. An access code gives us power. God has given us various means to access Him and the blessings in His Kingdom. When we know the access codes to the Kingdom of heaven, then we can access the spiritual blessings God has bestowed on us and experience the awesome power of Almighty God.
- We can access God through His Word, through His Spirit within us, through prayer, and then there is **THE NAME….**
- In the Jewish culture, names are very important and sacred. They are given to show who or what the person is.
- Matthew 1:21: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Saviour of the World. And the church, which is founded by Jesus, formed by Jesus, commissioned by Jesus, and empowered by Jesus, is the body of Christ. This church is ruled by Jesus, sanctified by Jesus, and protected by Jesus. Therefore, we the church have the authority to manifest the power of the name of Jesus in our lives and in the lives of others.
- We need to understand what is behind the name of Jesus, what "backative" does the name Jesus has? God is "backative" for that name! God is behind the name Jesus! God's character, integrity, His throne, His existence, His reputation, and all that God is in His entirety is behind the name Jesus!
- **CAUTION:** We need to be careful when using the name "JESUS".
  —Caution # 1: If you are one of those individuals that shout "Jesus" with connotations before and after the name (when you hurt your toe, when you're angry, etc.), be aware that you cannot disrespect the name of the Lord in that manner and get away with it.
- **—Caution # 2:** You cannot go shouting "In Jesus' Name" if you do not know the God of the name, if you do not have a relationship with Christ. The enemy knows when you do not have a clue about the Jesus whom you are calling on. Look at what happened to the sons of Sceva in Acts 19 (refer to verses 11-17).
- We need to understand that when we use the name of Jesus, we are admitting the powerlessness of our own name. We are acknowledging that we are representatives of Jesus Christ, and that we are accessing His authority and expect an answer.
- We need to know the God of the name, the God behind the power, the God behind the authority. When we know and understand this sovereign God, we can call on Jesus and heaven will stand at attention.
- We are igniting the power source, a source that can immediately change situations and create chaos in the enemy's world. It's all in JESUS!
- No matter how many times you call on that name, it will never lose the authority and the power behind it.
- Activate your access code and bring heaven's attention to your need when you call on the name of Jesus.

Key Scriptures:
Philippians 2:1-11

Discussion/Reflection Tools

1. How many access codes do you have to remember on a daily basis for when you are at work or at home? Is it easy or hard to remember these passcodes? How often do you have to change them, and do you find it annoying to do so?
2. Giving scripture references, what are some of the codes God has given to us to access the kingdom of heaven? Why would some find this easy or hard to do?
3. The sons of Sceva tried to access the power that is in the name of Jesus—to their detriment (see Acts 19:11-17). In your opinion, why did they meet with this particular outcome?
4. Recall the times God met your need when you called on Him.
5. If you or someone you know has a particular need, take some time to activate your access code and bring heaven's attention to your need by calling on the name of Jesus.

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Prayer Time

Lord, help me to activate my access code. Help me to always remember that no matter the situation, there is power in the name of Jesus.

Life Group icebreaker: What is one of your favourite sayings? Why?