



Walk in their Shoes- Army Boots

Welcome:

Spend some time sharing anecdotes of times were you've struggled with authority. (Try to keep it light hearted)

Are you naturally a person who struggles with authority? Why do you think this is the case?

Word:

Read Matthew 8:5-13

- In verse 10 Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith. Why do you think that is significant?
- Do you struggle to believe and trust in Jesus or do you think you have faith like the centurion?
- When has your belief and trust in Jesus caused you to take a bold step of faith?

Romans 13:1

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

The first point from Sunday was that **'God is the author of authority'**.

- Is it hard to understand why God would allow certain leaders to have authority?

Paul was writing this to Christians who were being persecuted for their faith by the government they were under. Without getting political, what, are some of the struggles you have in responding to Brexit and our government (if any)?

- Take a moment as a connect group to pray for our government and political leaders.
- We were encouraged to walk in our boss' shoes to consider how they may be feeling, how has this been a helpful thing to do?

The second point was **'God is the ultimate authority'**.

- What are some areas of obedience that you find challenging when trying to live out your faith?

Prayer:

Pray together around some of the things you have discussed, consider whether you should pray for those under challenging authority and/or those who are finding some things difficult to be obedient to Jesus in.

Pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith by governing authorities, or who face unjust imprisonment, harassment and even loss of family because of their faith in Jesus.

Pray for the iGrow Celebration with Geoff Lucas on Saturday evening.