**Knowing Jesus: Authority**

Matthew 17:1-7

**Ice Breaker Question:**

Think of a time where you have struggled listening to authority. Why did you have a hard time following their directions?

(Watch the youth lesson online at the M4C Youth YouTube channel)

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**Discussion Questions**

* What are similarities between this story and the stories in Exodus 33:18-23 and 34:29-32? Read these passages carefully and see what connections you can find. Not everything will match up, but some connections are clear.
* What are the similarities between this story where God speaks about Jesus and Matthew 3:17 when Jesus is baptized? What is so significant that He speaks at both stories?
* What is significant about Moses and Elijah appearing to speak with Jesus?
* How is Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension similar to Moses’ exodus?

Application Questions:

* What does it mean to you that Jesus is the ultimate authority?
* Why is it hard to accept His authority in our lives?
* How can we submit to His authority each day?

Group time:

If we truly believe that Jesus is our ultimate authority, then that means that we strive to follow Him no matter what. Take time to discuss as a group different ways that we as believers can submit to and trust the authority of Jesus in our day to day lives and then close in prayer.