"A Question of Authority"

Acts 1:1-3

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1. TO PREVENT "

2. TO SEE HOW DISCIPLES OF JESUS LIVED IN A _ _____ AND/OR _____CULTURE.

3. TO INSPIRE US TO ______ FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

4. TO EXPERIENCE ___ KINGDOM **GROWTH AGAIN!**

OUR STARTING POINT: THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God."

Acts 1:1-3 (NIV)

A PERSONAL CHALLENGE

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)