

Belief and Empowerment

Viewing the Bible through the lense of power:

Some things God seems to be emphasizing:	How the enemy is trying to undo God's work:
<p>About God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God is _____. ● God is _____. ● God loves them with an _____ love. ● God created _____ to be powerful. ● God is central to their _____ and _____ ● God cares a _____ about the _____ in their lives <p>About us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Their _____ is a gift from Him ● When they _____ in Him, He will _____ them the desires of their hearts (they will not need to _____) ● In _____ daily to Him and _____ Him , they will find a loving _____ who takes better care of them than they know how to do themselves. 	<p>About God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God might not be real ● If God is real, He is probably not powerful ● If God is real, He probably doesn't care about you. ● God doesn't want you to be powerful ● God is irrelevant to your meaning and purpose. ● God doesn't care about the things that are important to you. <p>About us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You create your identity/meaning/purpose ● Following the desires of your flesh is what will make you feel powerful, fulfilled, and happy. ● Create confusion about selfishness and self care
Powerful Beliefs:	Powerless Beliefs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ● God has not given me a spirit of fear but of love, power, and a sound mind ● You are fearfully and wonderfully made ● Because _____ happened to me, I am uniquely equipped to prevent it from happening to others and to love others in similar situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can't... ● God could never use me to... ● I am too... ● Because _____ happened to me, I am too damaged to do anything good.

EMPOWER

E _____

- Give them a chance to _____ to what they're learning
- Ask probing _____ (like Jesus!)
- Discussion Question Response:

M _____

- Cover them in _____ (like Jesus!)
- _____ your prayer topics with them (like Jesus!)
- Reflection Question Response:

P _____

- Know their _____ and weaknesses, plan accordingly
- Include them in the planning _____ (like Paul)
- Discussion Question Response:

O _____

- If it seems like God has given them a vision, idea, or ministry, become their biggest _____!
- Let them feel you putting your _____ behind theirs (like Jesus!)
- Reflection Question Response:

W _____

- Be a better _____ than speaker
- The empowerment process takes time! Model _____ (like Jesus!)
- Discussion Question Response:

E _____

- They will make mistakes (we all do!), Focus on what they did _____ instead (like Jesus!)
- When they do things differently than you would, _____ it, allow them to be who God created them to be! (Like Paul!)
- Discussion Question Response:

R _____