I. **Matt 28:16:20** - All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth

A. **Theme** - The influence of the kingdom of heaven on the earth is greater than the influence of the opposition!

B. **Gen 1:26-28 NKJV** - God delegated authority in the earth

C. **Matt 4:17** - “Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.”
   1. **Kingdom** - basilēia - An area or district ruled by a king; king’s domain
   2. **Of heaven** - Specific type of kingdom;
   3. **At hand** - ēggizō - Come or draw near; approach
   4. **Repent** - mētanōēō - To think differently; after thought not forethought, change of heart and mind that abandons former beliefs and behaviors embracing new ones in different direction

D. **Based on the authority of this system, Go disciple all nations…**
   1. **Sovereign** - Webster’s 1828 Dictionary - Supreme in power to all others; one who possesses the highest authority without control.
   2. **Gal 5:22-23 NKJV** 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
      a) Which is true power and authority? Controlling what everyone does or not being able to be controlled no matter what anyone does?

II. **Matt 16:18-19 NKJV** 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

A. **Church** – ekklesia – A legislative assembly or governing group of people called out having authority to make governmental type decisions to change the culture of a region to match the culture of the one who empowers them.

B. **V19 - Keys** – Represents **authority and access**
   1. Device used to unlock or lock something, a means of allowing or preventing entrance.
   2. A piece of information or strategy that provides a solution or controls the operation of something.

C. **Bind** – deo - To **exercise authority** over something on the basis that it is not legitimate; to prohibit, not allow or permit.

D. **Loose** – luō - To **exercise authority** over something on the basis of it being legitimate; to permit, to allow; to release from control, to set free.
1. *Matt 16:19* NASU - 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth *shall have been bound in heaven*, and whatever you loose on earth *shall have been loosed in heaven.*"

E. How many does it take to represent the ekklesia?

1. *Matt 18:18-20* NASU - It only takes two!
   
a) Agree - *sumphōnēō* - Sound together; unison, joint decision

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