

YOU WON'T FIND JESUS HERE!

DROP IN OPPORTUNITY #7

God in the Uprising- 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020

I am excited to announce that this Sunday, May 10, 2020, Lifeteen will be offering another Global Life Night Experience: *You Won't Find Jesus Here?* series, *God in the Uprising*. If you want to watch this 30 minute event LIVE, it starts at 2:00pm. The message will be given by Joel Stepanek, and worship will be led by Dana Catherine.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Use the link to the Global Life Night Experience: LFTN.CO/LIFENIGHT.

Log on at 2:00 p.m. to be part of the live event. If you can't watch it live, the recorded event is available through the same link once the live event has ended.

KEY CONCEPTS

Abusive leaders and unrighteous rulers who lived in Jesus's time were threatened by the very idea of his birth. The prophets that were living in that time foretold what powers Jesus would have-which would surpass even their authority.

Jesus is the TRUE KING of the world! Every other earthly authority, system, and structure is subject to Him and will be judged by Him.

As eternal king, Jesus still remains a threat to those who abuse power because life with Christ empowers people with hope and the promise of salvation.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for this platform that can help us grow, and connect us with other teens. You always have the power to transform our hearts and minds, no matter what is going on in the world. Please be with us today as we strive to better understand your authority. Help us be loving disciples of your Word, your commandments and your guidance. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Reflect on this topic for a few minutes:

Think about the many different sources of authority that are in your life. There are general, and obvious authorities like the police or your parents, but think outside the box on this one. When you think about this topic, what comes to mind? Is it positive or negative, or maybe a little of both?

How does our culture define *justice* and *authority*? Draw an emoji of how you feel about authority.

What has your experience of authority been like? Does Joel's message about Jesus' authority match or challenge these definitions and examples? How?

Share an experience you have had as a leader. What are some ways you have been able to serve others in this role?

ACTIVITY

Take out your bible. Open to Matthew 20:21-28. (If you want, you may look it up on the USCCB website)

Read the passage. Silently reflect on what you read. Note words or phrases that stood out to you.

Read the passage out loud this time, and discuss the following questions with a parent or older sibling, friend, etc.: **What does Jesus say about leadership in this Scripture passage? How can you lead through service in your home, during this period of quarantine?**

CHALLENGE:

Offer **THREE** acts of service for your family this week. You can ask the Lord to guide you in what would be of most help in your family. (ie: cook, clean the kitchen, play with a younger sibling, etc) Please let me know what you did for service! Be creative.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your perfect authority. Thank you for teaching us that obedience to your authority gives us freedom. In believing that your will is perfect, may we learn how to better cooperate with the guidance you have given us, and the examples Jesus showed us in his life. You are a good Father. May we never forget that. Please help us to better recognize and grow in the areas you have gifted us to hold authority over. May we look to you as a perfect example of leadership, hope and peace. Amen.

After watching this Drop In Global Life Night on May 10th, please submit the answers to your Reflection Questions to: sguzzardo@stgg.org by May 24, 2020.