

## Downside- Up Series

### Lonely Together: Desire for Love

May 31st, 2020 / DROP IN OPPORTUNITY

Thinking about our future can sometimes cause feelings of anxiety and uncertainty, but God never wants us to be stressed while we are living to seek what personal vocation He has for us. When thinking about our future, we can ask for help from the Holy Spirit to empower us in the present moment, and encourage us to live a life that enables us to fulfill our **primary vocation: the invitation to live a life of love through being faithful to God-That's called discipleship.** When we commit to living as a disciple of God, He gives us the grace to know the will of the Father in our lives. *Downside-Up* is a Life Night series where you can explore how Jesus calls you to participate in the Kingdom of God.

Click this link on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm, or later

Link to the Global Life Night: <https://youtu.be/BCeVI51ub2c>

#### KEY CONCEPTS

Jesus invites us to be **Seen, Known, and Loved.** We, in turn, must see, know and love others.

God made each and every one of us in His image, with a deep desire for love. It's natural to want to receive love from others, to know we belong, and to know that others care for us.

Jesus loves us all in a uniquely personal way. His love is given freely, and we don't have to "be perfect" to earn it.

God, knowing our desire for love and the brokenness caused by our sin, will forever have a plan to help restore our relationship with Him, and one another.

The word vocation comes from a latin word meaning "to call." It means a call from God.

#### KEY TERMS

**Beatitude:** Happiness or blessedness, especially the eternal happiness of heaven, which is described as the vision of God.

**Disciple:** Those who have accepted Jesus's message to follow Him and are associated with His life, and the Kingdom. They share in His mission, His joy and His suffering.

**Love:** The virtue by which we love God above all things, for His own sake and for the sake of our neighbors and ourselves.

**Universal Vocation:** This simply means the call to holiness-an invitation to participate in a life of love by Jesus. Holiness, in this series, means love of God and love of neighbor-which we as baptized Christian/Catholics, are called to learn to love as He loves.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Lord Jesus, King of the universe, help us calm the anxiety in our minds and hearts. Let your overwhelming peace consume our lives, no matter how deflating the circumstances of our lives can be. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **ACTIVITY AND JOURNAL QUESTIONS**

Take out a bible. Read the following verses, one by one, then answer the journal questions.

**John 14:27** What do you think this part of the verse means? ***I do not give to you as the world gives.***

**Thessalonians 5:16-18** How can you trust in God's will for you? Explain.

**Psalms 139:7-10** What parts of this Psalm can bring us hope?

**Proverbs 3:5-7** If society tells us that we must "make it on our own" why is it hard for us to trust in God's promise?

**\*When you have answered all questions, talk to a parent about their experience of living like Proverbs 3:5-7 suggests, then write your answer.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

We thank you, Lord, for those in our lives who are living examples of the Beatitudes. We ask that you may continue to bless them, keeping them near to you on their journey. In your grace, O Lord, grant **US** opportunities to demonstrate our love and commitment to you through the way **WE** interact with those around us. It is from your heart that all of these blessings flow, and in turn, lead us back to you on the cross. Amen.

**After watching this Drop In Global Life Night on May 31st, please submit the answers to your Discussion Questions to: [sguzzardo@stgg.org](mailto:sguzzardo@stgg.org) by June 15, 2020.**