



DEAR FRIENDS IN YOUTH MINISTRY,

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD! AS PROMISED, BELOW IS A SHORT ENRICHMENT FOR YOU TO USE IN YOUR MINISTRY TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT FOR YOUR YOUTH.

KNOW THAT I AM PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR MINISTRY.

PEACE,
MIKE

GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT – MAY 3RD

DIGITAL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING ACTIVITY

DURING THE GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT, THEY DID AN ACTIVITY WHERE THEY MADE A PAPER AIRPLANE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO FLY 200 FEET. IT DIDN'T WORK, HOWEVER, IT SPARKED A CONVERSATION THAT EVERYTHING DOESN'T GO AS IT WAS PLANNED. THEY ALSO MENTIONED OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS HOW IT WAS THROUGH, WIND, ETC.

HERE IS THE ACTIVITY, HOST A DIGITAL "HOW TO TALENT SHOW". HAVE THE YOUTH DEMONSTRATE SOMETHING TO THE KNOW HOW TO DO IN A WAY THAT THEY ARE TEACHING THE REST OF THE GROUP HOW TO DO IT. REMIND THEM APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES FOR THE ACTIVITY AND THAT IT CANNOT BE RECORDED. AFTER THE PRESENTATION HAVE THEM DISCUSS THE TRIALS LEADING UP TO KNOWING HOW TO DO THE ACTIVITY THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE SO WELL.

MESSAGE TO DISCUSS WITH THE YOUTH

ENNIE HICKMAN TALKED ABOUT WHAT HE AND HIS FAMILY HAD FIRST PLANNED FOR THIS PERIOD OF QUARANTINE AND THEN WHAT THE REALITY HAS ACTUALLY BECOME. REMIND THE YOUTH THAT JESUS HAS A PLAN FOR US AND OFTEN THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN OUR OWN PLAN. ENNIE DISCUSSED THAT HIS PLANS WERE RUINED BY JESUS, BUT THAT THAT WAS OKAY, BECAUSE JESUS HAD A MUCH GREATER PLAN.

IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY, THE YOUTH NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT THERE MAY NOT SEEM TO BE A PLAN, BUT JESUS DOES HAVE A PLAN FOR US. THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN BOTH SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY. SPORTS, DANCES, PROMS GRADUATIONS, MASS, GATHERINGS, HOLIDAYS ARE ALL TURNED UPSIDE DOWN FOR THEM. WHEREAS MANY WILL LOOK AT THIS AS A FORM OF SUFFERING, WE ARE REMINDED THAT JESUS GIVES US THESE CHALLENGES TO MAKE US STRONGER AND KNOWS THAT WE CAN HANDLE IT.

CHALLENGE FOR THE YOUTH

THIS CHALLENGE COMES FROM THE GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT PRESENTERS. IT IS SIMPLE, YET POWERFUL. THE IDEA IS THAT IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, FOR THE YOUTH TO SET ASIDE A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME TO BE WITH JESUS. IT IS SUGGESTED TO BE FOR 10-15 MINUTES, BUT REALLY CAN BE FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE TEEN WISES. THIS TIME PERIOD SHOULD BE WITHOUT DISTRACTION, ELECTRONICS AND SHOULD BE QUITE. THIS IS MEANT TO BE PERSONAL TIME BETWEEN JESUS AND THE YOUTH.

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