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## PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, that as we trust in your ruling in our lives, we find complete rest, knowing that you, our sovereign Father God, is in full control. Come rule in Jesus' name, Amen.

## WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

When you were young, did you ever have any aspirations to be a ruler, president/prime minister, royalty, or emperor of some sort? If so, what did you want to be? If not, why not?

## NOTES

## WORD

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

[Isaiah 9:6-7 \(ESV\)](#)

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

[Mark 9:35-38 \(ESV\)](#)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = not at all, 10 = very easily), how would you rate your ability to adapt to change? Why do you rate yourself this way?
2. How easily do you find it to hand control over to someone who is much more talented, wise, or strong than you are? How much would you be willing to trust them?
3. If you were to take a look at your finances (expenditure and savings) and your schedule, what would you say rules your decisions?
4. The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few (Mark 9:37). What does this mean? How do you propose labourers be activated towards the harvest?

5. What does it mean for the government to be upon Jesus' shoulder? Does it mean the government, as in the parliament, or does it mean more than that?
6. Does Jesus govern your life? Would you like your Life Group leader to lead you towards trusting in Jesus today?

## PRAYER LIST