



LIFEGROUPS

SETLIST *(worship optional)*

Our God Reigns Forever by Israel Houghton
Everlasting God by William Murphy
Surrounded (Fight My Battles) by UpperRoom
You are Good by Israel Houghton

ICEBREAKER

You just won the award for the Best Praise and Worship Album, give your speech.

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

SCRIPTURE *(do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)*

Genesis 29:25-35 | Proverbs 18:21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Your expression of praise is causing warfare in your worship. When you make a sound your taking up enemy occupied territory. Think about it, ***when you praise you EVICT the enemy from your life.*** It's time to take your space back! ***How much has the enemy taken from you? What can you do right now to take your space back from the enemy?***
- Other people will always let you down when you turn to them to meet all your needs. When you feel empty and have a void you tend to look to people to fill that emptiness. **Read Genesis 29:25-35.** Leah knew she wasn't loved and she was empty and in despair and started birthing things to ease her own pain.

Leah gave birth to Reuben, which means, “See me” because all she wanted was for Jacob to see her. She gave birth to Simeon, which means, “Hear me” because she wanted to find life in communication with her husband. She birthed Levi, which means, “Know me” because she was living in a house that emotionally bankrupted her. But when she gave birth to Judah, which means, “Praise” she understood that when others fail us, God never would. Turn your attention from everyone else even when they make you feel unloved and see, know and hear God with your praise. . ***Who are the people you turn to when you feel empty and in despair? What do you birth when you feel unloved?***

- If God inhibits the praises of his people then you control the size of God. God can only fit in the praise you give. For example, if I give God a little praise then I serve a small God. And if I give God a great big praise then I will have a great big God. If you need God to come in a big way then you need to praise God in a big way. ***How many square feet is your praise to God? How much more do you need to build your praise for those around you?***
- God is so attracted to sound that he doesn't move until someone makes one. We were created to be verbal and God rides on sound. Every great power is accompanied by great sound. Where you see great power you hear great sound. The enemy is trying to make the church quiet because sound has power. **Read Proverbs 18:21.** If you don't like where you're headed, change the sound. If you are in a toxic environment then send out anti-toxins. ***Are there some areas that you need to change your sound? What are some anti-toxins that you can release in a toxic environment?***

OUR CHALLENGE

This week if you feel unloved, empty or in despair, birth your Judah and Praise! Make a playlist on your music platform that when you feel like the enemy is trying to take your space, you can turn it on and evict the enemy! Don't allow the enemy to create your sound; you are in control of your praise so this week, CONTROL IT!