High School Discussion Guide

First Class: For the week of May 1 - 7, 2022

Warm Up:

- What is the number one song on your playlist right now?
- What makes you like that song?

Main Thought:

Studies show that 82% of teenagers listen to music every day for an average of seven hours and 22 minutes. There are also some reports that claim that most teenagers would give up their pinky finger before giving up music. (TIMEOUT: Would you give up music or your pinky finger?). Needless to say, music is inarguably important to youth. Music can influence our lives, whether positively or negatively, so it is wise to be mindful of the messages of the music we listen to.

Practice it!

- Listen to "First Class" by Jack Harlow as a group (preferably the clean version)
- What kind of message do you think this song communicates?
- How does that message differ from the scriptures below?

Main Scripture:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26 NIV)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19-20 NIV)

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think we try so hard to find worth/status in temporary things?
- What are some temporary things you place your hope in?
- How can we focus more on God and less on those things?

Prayer:

- Pray that would find worth in being children of God and not in things of this world
- Pray for someone you know that may be struggling with finding their worth. Pray God would use you to be a light to them.