

# Authority & the Common Good

## VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqmTM-mNBL0>

## GOAL SUMMARY

The goal for this session is to introduce the teens to two essential elements of the Church's social teaching: authority and the common good. They will learn that authority is good and necessary for true human community, and that all authority is rooted in God's authority.

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In this video, Chris talks about many of the challenges and misconceptions that are present today to Catholic Christians because we subscribe to the authority of the Church. We are often pressured today to compromise our Christian responsibilities and beliefs because they are not always in line with what society as a whole believes. However, as Chris points out, we believe in absolute truth in matters of spirituality and morals. We are not a violent Church who fights or harms those who disagree with us; we love others and believe that Christ died for them the same way He died for us.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is each person worth giving our lives to serve?
2. What does it mean to believe there is no such thing as an absolute truth?
3. We have redefined 'tolerance' to mean 'never disagreeing', but what does it actually mean?
4. Not believing in a spiritual and moral absolute doesn't make you tolerant and believing in God doesn't make you intolerant. What does make you tolerant or intolerant?
5. Jesus never compromised with sin, but He never stopped loving people He disagreed with; how can you imitate Him in your own life?

## SEND

Pray aloud the collect from a special Mass that can be offered for the Preservation of Peace and Justice:

O God, who show a Father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.