

COVSPARKSCovenant Companion discussion starters for groups and personal reflection

Is God in Control?

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Columnist John E. Phelan Jr. shares post-election thoughts on the reign of Jesus.

- 1. Name a person who has authority over you. What do you do when your opinion differs from theirs?
- 2. John E. Phelan Jr. claims the statement, "Whatever happens, Jesus is still in control," is both true and dangerously naïve and irresponsible. What are your thoughts about Jesus's reign in today's world?
- 3. Phelan explains how his fatalistic upbringing looked toward the rapture. How do you respond when you hear people talking about signs and omens signaling the end times? Have you heard such predictions in relation to the current political climate?
- 4. Name one way that you see your church acting like salt and light to the world.
- 5. What are your thoughts about Phelan's claim that "Jesus is on the throne but he reigns through the church"?