OVERCOME WEEK

CHOOSE COMMUNITY



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

"Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let's kick things off with prayer."

OPENING PRAYER

GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather be the funniest person in the room or the smartest?
- Would you rather live without music or movies for the rest of your life?
- Would you rather brush your teeth with a hairbrush or brush your hair with a toothbrush?
- Would you rather live in a world with no toilet paper or a world with no soap?
- Would you rather spend the weekend with friends or home alone?

INTRODUCE SPEAKER: "Last week we talked about the importance of getting connected to a community. Today my friend ______ is going to talk about overcoming not attending church."



SPEAKER

PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for "O" Week

Offer a Question

Post this question on your social media: What church are you involved at?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite."

CLOSING PRAYER

BEHIND THE SCENES



Invite people and promote the club meeting.



Create a welcoming environment.



Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.

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SPEAKER

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:44-47

EXPLAIN

In a world where we have so much technology, like texting, facetime, and many other social apps, why do so many people feel alone? We were created to have relationships with others. We need each other.

In Acts chapter 2 verses 44 through 47, it gives us a look at the very first church. "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." It was a group of people gathering daily to worship, pray, eat, and share one another's burdens. As these people continued to meet, their numbers grew, because they felt connected to people who cared and had things in common. They even sold their own things to meet the needs of others. This is exactly what the church is supposed to look like. Galatians chapter 6 verse 2 says for us to "bear one another's burdens."

Often people have a difficult time going to a church for several reasons. They don't want to feel judged, or maybe they have been hurt in the past. Others find it difficult to open up to others about life's struggles. This is exactly why it is important to get connected to a community of people that will encourage you, just as they did in the very first church. The church is where you can go to be encouraged and learn about how much God loves you and wants to use you to reach more people. The church is made up of people that welcome you in, point you to Jesus, and encourage your faith.

APPLY

Our shared gifts, our shared talents, and our shared resources make us better together. What do you need to do to get connected to a local church?

RESPOND

Let's get into groups and share:

- · What church you attend.
- About the things that you like about your youth group or church.
- · Now make sure that everyone in your group has been invited to a youth group.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We are better together. Get connected.