

# OVERCOME WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH FOLLOWERS”



## Overcome Week

Overcoming your fear of sharing the Gospel story.

### Practice becoming like Jesus

by letting Him transform you from the inside out.



### Promo:

Remember to invite people.



### Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



## Host

Welcome to First Priority! Today is Overcome Week. Our goal is to learn how to overcome things that keep us from believing and sharing the Gospel in everyday life.



Pray



**Game** Choose a game or funny video to play for 3-5 minutes to get people laughing and talking.

**Say something like:** We are glad you are here! Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about how we can overcome fears of having a conversation with Followers.



## Speaker

### Gospel Discussion

“Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Followers”



## Host

### Announcements

Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



Pray



## Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people. Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



### Leader Tip

People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.



## Gospel Discussion

### "Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Followers"



#### Highlight Scripture

##### Matthew 10:38-39

"And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."



#### Explain (Give context)

We all have people who look up to us whether we are a good example or a bad one. Our fear of messing up or misleading others shouldn't keep us from being a good example that inspires people to live for what really matters, though. Lots of people in the Bible knew about the burden of having followers and the fear of living in the spotlight. It is also true that none of the leaders in the Bible were perfect other than Jesus! Abraham left his familiar home with his family in obedience to God. Moses had millions of people LITERALLY following him out of Egypt through the desert. Nehemiah was well aware of the weight of his every decision because of how they affected those under his leadership. These leaders all had one thing in common:

They knew EXACTLY where they were supposed to be going.

All of the leaders in the Bible had to go through suffering, trials, temptations, and most of them had to deal with the consequences of bad calls. But – even through that, they STILL knew exactly what direction they were supposed to be heading in.

They knew on the other side of all that sacrifice was the joy in accomplishing God's plan for them. True – if you have no idea where you are going, you probably shouldn't be trying to lead others, but it is also true that you are automatically a leader just by having influence (good or bad). Because of this, we should be careful about our words and actions, and we should also be BOLD and INTENTIONAL in leading others closer to Jesus.



#### Apply

Do you want to be a leader? How sure are you that you "know where you are going"? Do you have a destination in mind? How does that destination line up with God's word? Knowing where you need to go is important because when others follow you, they end up wherever you do. Not every leader has a destination in mind.



#### Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Here is an example of how you could start a conversation with someone who looks up to you:

"Hi (name) I've noticed that you do a lot of the same things I do and I want you to know I think it's really cool that we have things in common. I have to admit, I'm not perfect at all, so I really hope that you see Christ working in me. I'm always happy to mentor anyone, but if you want to know what my "bottom line" is, then really there is nothing more important than being a disciple of Jesus. Do you understand what that means? I'd be happy to share with you ..."



#### Bottom Line

The way you lead impacts the people who follow you.



#### Disciple Tip

The more time you spend with Jesus, the more you will naturally become like Jesus.

