

OVERCOME WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH OUTCASTS”



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 outcasts.



Speaker

Gospel Discussion

“Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Outcasts”



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

What you say will only matter if it matches how you live.



Gospel Discussion

"Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Outcasts"



Highlight Scripture

Luke 15:4

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?"



Explain (Give context)

OUTCASTS – they don't feel like they fit in. We've all felt that way at one time or another. Every time someone told an inside joke we weren't a part of or talked about something they had in common with someone else that we didn't share. One thing is true – being an outcast gets old – QUICKLY. Some outcasts get angry. Some deal with depression. Some even resort to extremes. Jesus followers MUST change that story for them. In Christ, everyone is SOMEBODY!

Every person has value. Every person is unique and worthy of appreciation. Every person MATTERS. One thing that is very important for Christ followers to realize is that we must not worship the attitudes of our social groups so much that we neglect the outcast. WE MUST GO TO THEM.

Have you ever been on a boat? Maybe even a cruise? Every sea vessel has life-saving equipment on board. In the event that someone goes overboard, it is important to respond quickly by throwing them a little ring called a "life-saver". We even have a candy named after it. If you are having an emergency, you COULD stand by and wait for someone else to do something, but what is preventing YOU from doing the right thing? Why don't YOU jump in to action?

Are you taking a risk by leaving your social circle? Maybe. Are you going to be "cast out" yourself? Perhaps. Have you considered this, though - What would Jesus do? Would HE leave the ninety-nine? ABSOLUTELY.

So, don't fear the consequences of reaching out to the lonely. Be a life-saver, not a by-stander. Be ready and willing to share the hope of Christ at any moment. In fact, do it today.



Apply

What does it take to reach out to the outcast? It takes a kind and brave heart willing to say hello and ask how their day is going. Honestly, it doesn't take much more than that. We are all outcasts before we come to know Jesus. Perhaps that is why he loves them so much. I challenge you to reach out to someone today.



Respond (Groups of 3-5)

"Here is an example of how you could start a conversation with an outcast:

"Hi! What's your name? I've seen you around school but I couldn't tell if you had many friends here. My name is _____. I wanted to invite you to come hang out with me at First Priority club and maybe introduce you to some of my friends. We mostly just talk about what's most important in life and how we can help others at our school. Do you want to come?"



Bottom Line

Jesus' love for the outcasts should cause us to reach out with love.



Disciple Tip

What we believe about the Gospel will shape the way we think, act, and live.

