

OVERCOME WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH PEERS”



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 Peers.



Speaker

Gospel Discussion

“Overcoming Fear of the Conversation with Peers”



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

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.



Gospel Discussion

”Overcoming the Fear of a Conversation with Peers”



Highlight Scripture

Acts 17:32-34a

“Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed...”



Explain (Give context)

If you really follow Jesus, there will come a time that you will be challenged to put faith into practice by doing something outside your comfort zone. I’m sure you are comfortable sharing most of your thoughts with your close friends, but how comfortable are you expressing your viewpoint to those who don’t know you as well? (Peers are people who know you through a few interactions or reputation only). What if Jesus challenged YOU to share the truth with someone who has a reputation for being strongly against your beliefs? How comfortable would you be in that situation?

The Apostle Paul had plenty of close friends – but those weren’t the only people he engaged in conversation with about the Gospel. In Athens, he encountered a huge opportunity to share the truth with a large group of people who were just as smart as him (possibly even smarter) but had little in common with his viewpoint. Right then and there, he decided to accept the Gospel challenge and make the case for Christ in public. Brave, right?

And – get this – the results weren’t that impressive. He tried his hardest to reason with everyone, but his incredible presentation didn’t win them all to Christ. Some made fun of him, some wanted to hear more, and some followed Jesus. Sound familiar yet? That’s right, his “Engage Week” went like many of ours. But, the most important thing was that he ACCEPTED the challenge over and over. And each time he did, he learned something and so did the people he engaged in conversation with about the Gospel.



Apply

Have you ever accepted the challenge to share the message of Jesus with your peer? What are some good ways to lead a conversation with a peer in the direction of the Gospel? (Let students answer). When sharing with someone who doesn’t agree with your view, it’s always important to find something that you have in common and work from there. Sharing the Gospel is not just about talking, but also listening.



Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Here are two examples of how you could start a conversation with a peer.

“Hi (name of peer) – I noticed something _____ when you were talking to a group of friends yesterday - you mentioned something about your belief in _____ and I thought what you said was so interesting that I wanted to ask you about it. How did you come to that conclusion? I think it’s really interesting to discuss different viewpoints and I wanted to get your take on that.”

“Hi (name of peer) – I was just thinking today about the fact that we had this one class together all last semester and I never really took the time to get to know you better. I mean, I know a little about you, but I don’t think I’ve ever asked you about your views on things. How would you describe yourself and maybe your views on spiritual stuff?”

→ Bottom Line

Sometimes the win of a Gospel conversation is what we learned from it.



Disciple Tip

The most important thing in your life is not what you do; it is who you become.

