

OVERCOME WEEK

CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



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 an unknown superhero or a famous villain?
- Would you rather have lots of energy or lots of money?
- Would you rather have a lifetime of free Netflix or an unlimited gift card to Starbucks?
- Would you rather be able to taste colors or see smells?
- Would you rather be forgiven or forgive someone?

INTRODUCE SPEAKER: “Last week we talked about not only the need to forgive others, but we also learned how to do that. Today my friend _____ is going to talk about what we must overcome to forgive others and to ask for forgiveness.”



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 share.



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PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: What do you think someone needs to do to be forgiven?

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



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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



SPEAKER

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HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” **Colossians 3:13**

EXPLAIN

When we think about forgiveness, it brings certain pictures to our mind. Maybe it's something that makes you think of a time when you were forgiven, because you had done something wrong. Did you feel a sense of relief when it was over? Maybe you have forgiven someone that has wronged you. Maybe you were in the right, but you still wanted to forgive them. How did you feel about that? Forgiveness is a choice we make.

In Colossians chapter 3 verse 13 it says, “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” We are to forgive. We are to work through difficulties in relationships and to forgive one another, even as Christ has forgiven us. We are NOT perfect!

TRUTH ALERT: You WILL mess up and make mistakes.

You will want forgiveness for something you have done or mistakes you have made. We understand forgiveness when we receive it and when we are actually and truthfully sorrowful for our actions. We hope to be restored to a clean slate. We can only forgive others, when we realize how much Jesus has forgiven us by his death.

Forgiveness is an exciting thing to receive. Think of how you felt when you realized your sin was forgiven and Jesus was now Savior and Lord of your life. We want our friends to experience this, too, as we share the Gospel in love and not in fear.

APPLY

Think of a time in your life where you dreaded to ask for forgiveness. Maybe it's not the first time you messed up or failed in something. Just the thought of asking for forgiveness makes you sick at your stomach. Think of it this way. If you had someone to go before you to soften the blow or ease the pain of seeking forgiveness, wouldn't that make things easier? This is what Jesus has done for us and we can help others find Jesus, too.

RESPOND

Let's get into groups and share:

- A time when you were forgiven. You don't have to go into deep detail here.
 - When you had to forgive someone else.
 - A time where forgiveness was withheld from you. How did you feel?
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BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We forgive others, because we have been forgiven.

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