

OVERCOME WEEK

CHOOSE JESUS



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 covered in fur or covered in scales?
- Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak?
- Would you rather have free flights forever or never have to pay for food?
- Would you rather dance or sing to every song you hear?
- Would you rather only use a fork or only use a spoon?

INTRODUCE SPEAKER: “Last week we talked about what it means to choose Jesus. Today my friend _____ is going to talk about what we need to overcome to make Jesus first.”



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.



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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 has been one of the biggest choices you have ever made in your life?

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

OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

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HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“The young man said to him, ‘All these I have kept. What do I still lack?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’” **Matthew 19:20-21**

EXPLAIN

We don’t usually think of ourselves as being rich. There are people with bigger houses, more money, and nicer stuff. There is a sense of security when we have everything we need. Instead of looking to God to find our worth, we look at our “stuff” for that.

In the Book of Matthew chapter 19, we read about a young guy who was very wealthy. We call him the rich young ruler. He asked Jesus what good deed he must do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the commandments. The rich young ruler told Jesus that he already followed all of them but was still lacking something. Jesus then told him in verse 21, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the rich young ruler heard this, he went away sad.

What? Is Jesus asking us to sell all our stuff? Maybe. When Jesus told the young man to sell all his stuff, He was telling him to get rid of everything that he had that was more important to him than Jesus. He is asking us to do the same. Jesus wants us to let go of whatever takes our focus off Him, so we can follow Him.

Real JOY comes from following Jesus and allowing Him to work through us. Sometimes that means that we must OVERCOME the desire to focus on “stuff.” At the end of the day, it’s not about us, it’s about Him.

The story in Matthew goes on to say that the rich young ruler was very sad when he walked away from the conversation with Jesus. He was sad, because he was not willing to give up the things that he loved to follow Jesus. What about you? Are you willing to say yes to whatever He is asking you to do?

APPLY

What do you have to Overcome to make Jesus first in your life?
Pray that God gives you nudges when you start to take your eyes away from Him.

RESPOND

Let’s get in groups and discuss:

- How can you move Jesus up on your priority list?
- What are some things that you tend to focus on more than Jesus?

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Life is full of tough choices. Choose today to follow Jesus.