

OVERCOME WEEK

CHOOSE SACRIFICE



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 use an iPhone or a Samsung?
- Would you rather dress fashionably or comfortably?
- Would you rather hop around all day or walk backwards?
- Would you rather have a pimple on your nose or between your eyes?
- Would you rather give up sleep or give up your phone?

INTRODUCE SPEAKER: “Last week we talked about choosing to live a life of sacrifice. Today my friend _____ is going to talk about what we need to overcome and give up to live a sacrificial life.”



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: Who has made sacrifices for you?

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

“Then he said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” **Luke 9:23-24**

EXPLAIN

Sacrifice: an act of giving up something you value for the sake of something else that is important or worthy.

Living a life for ourselves adds stress, pressure, and chaos to our life. We miss out on the peace that only comes from sacrificial living. When we sacrifice, we give up something that means a lot to us. For instance, if we give away clothes that we never wear or games that we never play, is that sacrifice? Nope. If what we give up doesn't mean anything to us, it doesn't mean anything to God. In Luke chapter 9 verses 23 and 24, Jesus gave instructions when He said, “whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

What does it mean to deny myself and take up my cross daily? It means that we sacrifice our thoughts, our needs, and even our time for service to God. What would motivate us to do this? We do this because we love God and are called to serve Him. We don't serve others just to get credit or recognition or so that our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds. To deny ourselves means to give up anything that keeps us from doing what God intends for us. We don't usually like to give up anything.

How about taking up our cross? What's that? You see, Jesus doesn't simply call us to believe that He existed or even to believe that He can save us. He calls on us to commit our whole lives to Him—to trust Him alone for our salvation and then to follow Him as His disciples. Luke chapter 14 verse 27 says, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Have you allowed Jesus to be in complete control of your life? Have you put to death your own plans and committed yourself to His plans for your life? Don't be satisfied with anything less, for there is no greater joy in life than following Christ every day.

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APPLY

So what does this mean for us? It means no matter what we think or do, we are to sacrifice our wants and desires and to follow Christ; we are to sacrifice our comfort and share the Gospel with others. This becomes a lifestyle and a way of giving up what we want, so that we can share the Gospel.

RESPOND

Let's get into groups and discuss:

- What are things, times, events, you can sacrifice for the sake of others?
- How have others sacrificed for you? For example: parents, grandparents, family, and friends.
- Think of three things that you can do this week that would be considered a sacrifice for someone else.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

In order to be a disciple or follower of Jesus, we must be willing to give up things in our life for His plan.