

PASSION

Overcome Week Leader Guide

Overcome: A time for student leaders to encourage their peers to overcome their fears of sharing the Gospel.



CLUB TIME PREP:

- Select one student to lead this month's Overcome Week
- Post to social media and text friends inviting them to First Priority Club

INTRODUCTION: 3 minutes

Welcome Students, Prayer and Introduction

- **Assigned Leader Opens:** "Welcome to First Priority! This club is a place to seek and grow in God. This week is Overcome week, which is where we encourage each other in how to overcome obstacles of sharing the gospel. This month our theme is "Passion." Our verse is **Colossians 3:1-3**, "*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.*"
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about overcoming obstacles to sharing our faith.

DISCUSSION: Passion (20 minutes)

It is a proven reality that we are drawn toward whatever our eyes are fixed on. In time, our focus becomes a reality. We are often drawn to focus on our flaws, bad habits, and failures. We are passionate about all the reasons we can't overcome our obstacles so that God can use us to our full potential.

Our passion can be our greatest strength or greatest weakness, depending on what we focus on. If we focus on all of the reasons that we cannot be a missionary to our school, then that will soon feel like a reality.

Misplaced passion can be an obstacle as well. Temptations, peer pressure, and fear can lead us to passionately run from the mission Christ has called us to. So, how do we combat the temptation to focus on the wrong thing and place our trust in Christ?



[Share about some of your struggles in sharing the gospel with others. You can also share about how you're growing in this area.]

Focus on who Jesus is. The more we see Jesus, the more we are transformed into His image. The God of the universe has passionately pursued a relationship with us. We respond to him by faith.

Consider thinking on these things to overcome obstacles that keep you from sharing your faith.

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8 NLT)

Our minds are all prone to wonder. In that moment we are tempted, forget who God is, and who He says we are. These verses draw our attention back to Christ and the mission. They draw us to a God who understands our obstacles and helps us overcome them to share the hope of Christ with our school.

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: What are some of the biggest distractions that Christians face in following Jesus? How do we know when we are being distracted? What should we do when we recognize that our sights are not set on Jesus?

Discussion Option 2: What tips can we come up with to help each other stay focused on pursuing Christ? What are some good ways to encourage a Christian friend who has gotten “off-course”?

ACTION CHALLENGES:

1. **Group Challenge:** Continue to plan for your club service project this semester.
2. **Personal Challenge:** Where’s your focus? Write down Colossians 3:1-3 or save it somewhere. When you are faced with an obstacle to sharing your faith, read these verses and focus on the God who passionately pursued you.
3. **Prayer Challenge:** Lastly, get into groups of three or four and spread out. Take 2 minutes and take turns praying for each other to walk in the new life. Then, we’ll huddle up and someone can close out our club time in prayer.



WRAP UP: 2 minutes

- Share any FP Club announcements including that next week’s meeting is Prepare Week.