

NEW

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 "NEW." Our theme verse is **2 Corinthians 5:17**. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about overcoming obstacles to sharing our faith.

DISCUSSION: New Obstacles (20 minutes)

Can you imagine jumping from being on the middle school football team straight into the NFL? What if you took your first guitar lesson, but then was asked to play the next night for a famous band? It wouldn't just be scary, intimidating and hard, it would be practically impossible.

With new goals, new opportunities, and new dreams, come new challenges and new obstacles. Helping people find new life in Christ is not always an easy path. But, it is a path worth traveling.

Paul, the author of many of the New Testament books of the Bible, understood how true this is. He wrote this,

"I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord."
(Romans 7:21-25 NLT)

You may find that you relate to the words of the apostle Paul. He found a war going within his mind. He wanted to do what was right, but continued to find that there

were obstacles in front of him. What kind of obstacles keep you from sharing your faith? You probably thought of one just now. How can you

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[Feel free to share a story about how you overcame an obstacle to sharing your faith or living out your faith publicly at school.]

What if God wants to give you a new perspective, a new outlook on life? What if Christ could help you turn your obstacles into opportunities? This is the awesome thing about the new life in Christ. It is not a somewhat better you, it is a brand new you. It is Christ in you and through you.

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APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: If the old you and the new you are in conflict like Romans 7:21-25 says, what is the best way to overcome that conflict?

Discussion Option 2: When you have begun living the new life in Christ, but start living like the old you, what do you think you are communicating to your school?

ACTION CHALLENGES:

1. **Group Challenge:** Take two creative photos of similar objects, one old and one new (for example, an apple), label them “old” and “new” and post on social media using the **2 Corinthians 5:17** and the hashtags #firstpriority and #FPnew

2. **Personal Challenge:** Write **2 Corinthians 5:17** down somewhere where you will see it every day this month as a reminder to live the new life intentionally.

• **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 are going to 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.