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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 we are discussing what it means to live in the madness and the impact that has on sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ."
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about overcoming obstacles to sharing our faith.

DISCUSSION: How Can I Know (20 minutes)

Assigned Speaker Suggestion: There is an incredible story in the Bible found in Acts 8. Philip is a follower of Jesus, who you could say has been living in the madness. People are finding salvation in Christ radically throughout the land. Magicians, soldiers, samaritan families and more. All of this is happening while the Church is being persecuted like never before. The Church is young and vibrant, and God's followers are willing to do just about anything for the sake of the gospel, including literally giving their lives for it.

In the text starting at verse 26, Philip hears the Lord tell him to go south on a road, so he does. As he is walking, he runs into a government official from Ethiopia who has traveled to Jerusalem to worship. This official is no every day guy, the bible tells us he is in charge of all the treasure that is in the Ethiopian queens kingdom. Reality is in normal circumstances Philip would have never approached this officials caravan, much less spoken to him. It could have cost him his life.

However, Philip knew that God had sent him on this mission for this moment and the spirit of the Lord had spoken, so he did just that. As Philip approaches this man's chariot he asks him a simple question. "Do you understand what you are reading?" The official answers back, "How can I unless someone guides me." Turns out the official was reading from an old testament scroll, but frankly had no idea what the text meant (*ever been there*).



The official invites Philip into his chariot, and Philip begins to walk him through the story of the gospel. By the time Philip has finished sharing all the good news of Jesus and his desire for the official to be saved and baptized, the official is so fired up that he sees a body of water and says

"what would prevent me from being baptized right now?" So they do just that!

This moment in Acts reminds me how deeply God is willing to be involved in our every day lives when we allow him to be. Think about it, all Philip heard in his time of prayer was "hey man walk this direction on this road." In the mean time God knew that this official and Philip would have never connected in life otherwise, but the gospel had a plan for both that day.

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Think about the roads that you will walk today, the hallways in your school, the street you live on, even the parking lot as you enter into your job place or somewhere you take music lessons. God is inviting you to simple obedience and then planning for you to live in the madness by sharing his story with others who he has also prepared to meet you!

As we finish today, let me ask you, are you ready to live in the madness? I believe even today, God may be sending you to someone to help them truly know Jesus as Lord and Savior. What an incredible moment God is going to give you so they they too can know.

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: I mentioned this earlier, but what are some of the roads that the Lord may be calling you to walk down today in simple obedience.

Discussion Option 2: The Bible says that we are to be ready to give an answer for our faith in Jesus. Do you know what you will say when you meet someone today who wants to understand why you are a Christ follower?

ACTION CHALLENGES:

1. **Group Challenge:** Take a moment to encourage one another in the simple things of the gospel. Ask one another about their daily time in discussion with God, in the scriptures and encourage them in their growth in Christ no matter where they are in the journey.
2. **Personal Challenge:** Don't underestimate your story in Christ. No matter where you are in your walk with Christ, God can and will use you if you are willing. So take a moment to thank God for your story.
3. **Prayer Challenge:** Lastly, get into groups of three or four and spread out. Take 2 minutes and take turns praying for each other that God will give you boldness this week, even to the point of calling some of what you experience, living in the madness.



WRAP UP: 2 minutes

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