

STORY

Overcome Week Leader Guide

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



PRE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 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

- **Overcome Week Host:** "Welcome to First Priority! This week is Overcome week, which is where challenge each other to overcome obstacles to sharing the Gospel. This year we are discussing the stories of how the fruit of the Spirit begins to grow in our lives because of a relationship with Christ."
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about how our story helps us to overcome!

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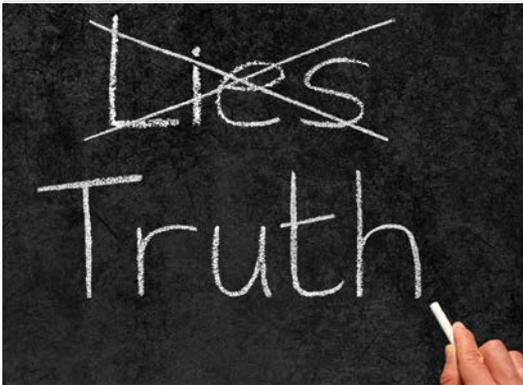
GROUP TIME: Tools for Overcoming (20 minutes)

Speaker Suggestion: Revelation 12:11a says, *“And they [people of God] have defeated him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus] and by their testimony.” (NLT)*

This verse says a lot, doesn't it? It concerns you, me, Jesus, and the *Enemy* who is always trying to keep the Kingdom of God from advancing and claiming more territory for Christ. All around us, an invisible and spiritual battle is constantly being fought. The *Enemy* cannot win the war against God, but he certainly can win battles against us. That is - unless we utilize the tools God has given us to *OVERCOME*.

It may seem normal to us now, but the darkness of living without God consumes our school every day. People are practically imprisoned by a spiritual system that is designed by the *Enemy* to keep people blinded by sin, alienated from Christ, and serving mostly their own selfish desires in one way or another. Sometimes this reality may not look exactly like this description at first glance, but we must remember that ultimately we all live in a broken world that needs salvation.

On top of that, we have our own challenges to overcome as Jesus-followers. Maybe we struggle with fear or greed. Maybe we know all too well how difficult it can be to be true to what we believe. Maybe we sometimes face the temptation to give up completely. But that is not the end of our story! *[share an example of how a struggle was not the end of your story]*



God has given each Christian the tools to overcome! Both of them revolve around reminding ourselves and others something we often lose sight of. When the *Enemy* spreads lies, we combat that with TRUTH! In Revelation 12:11, we are told that we can overcome the *Enemy* by reminding ourselves that there is no greater power than the blood of the Jesus and that by this blood we

have already been set free from any power that opposes God! This means that if you have put your trust in Jesus, you are already an overcomer! In fact, **1 John 5:5 says,**

“And who can win the battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.” (NLT)

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Our story is still being written, and so is the story of our school, so why don't we take God at His word and do exactly what He has said we can do? Let's remind ourselves that all the power we need is in the powerful message of the Gospel and our own testimony of that truth. Let's take the mission to win this school to Christ seriously this year and make every day count! *[you can write down more challenges for your specific club and share them here.]*

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: What challenges are you currently facing or plan to face during this school year (tough schedule, hard classes, etc.)? Make a list and commit to pray for and encourage each other this year.

Discussion Option 2: What will be our biggest challenges as a club this year (staying on mission, follow-through, passion, etc.)? Make a list and commit to pray for victory in those challenges this year.

ACTION CHALLENGES:

- **Group Challenge:** Create a First Priority Instagram account for your school (it should include First Priority or FP and your school name) and give one student leader management responsibility. Throughout the year, use this account to lead social media group challenges, make announcements, and share stories about your club. After it is created, have everyone in the club follow it. Remember, this account not only represents your club and your school but also First Priority and Jesus Christ! Keep it uplifting to others!
- **Invite Challenge:** Text 5 friends and invite them to First Priority and ask them if you can pray for them this week about anything.
- **Prayer Challenge:** Lastly, get into groups of three or four and spread out. Take 2 minutes pray as a group for those you will be texting in the Invite Challenge.

WRAP UP: 2 minutes

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

