

# PEACE

## 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 we encourage each other to overcome our fear, anxiety, and worry about sharing our faith with our friends."
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, \_\_\_\_\_, is going to share about the peace that God offers to those who follow His will.

**GROUP TIME: God is With You (20 minutes)**

**Student Speaker:** Think of a time when you felt like God was asking you to share your faith story with a friend.

Last week we talked about our calling as a witness. Being a witness isn't easy! There is good news, though: God has promised to be with you if you obey His command to be a witness.

Let's look at a couple of examples for God promising peace to those who obey Him.

In **Jeremiah 1**, God tells Jeremiah to go and speak His message to the people of God. The message that Jeremiah was to share was one that would be very hard for the people to hear. But in **verse 17-19** God promised Jeremiah He would be with him!

*"But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them... They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you."*

Notice that he didn't Jeremiah exactly what he would face, but He *did* tell him that He would be with him and would take care of Him. That is what true peace is about. It is not the absence of conflict; it is the promise that God is with us.

In **Matthew 28:20**, Jesus gives his final instruction to His disciples telling them to go and continue making other disciples and He closes out with this phrase, *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Jesus knew the task would not be easy so He promised them they would not be alone in it.



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Jesus also promised that the Holy Spirit would be with us and even give us the words to say! He says in Acts 1:8 that the Holy Spirit would give us power to be witnesses for Him!

God has called all of us to engage our friends with the Gospel by sharing it directly as well as in our lifestyle, the decisions we make, how we talk, and how we love one another. He knows this task is not going to be easy and may bring persecution, but He has promised us just like Jeremiah and the OG disciples that He will be with us. These truths should give us more than enough peace to continue to advance the Kingdom of God in our school!

### APPLY IT:

**Discussion Option 1:** What are some of the excuses that keep us from sharing the Gospel with our friends? How does God's promise us of being present affect those excuses?

**Discussion Option 2:** What things as a child were you scared of unless you were with your mom or dad? (The dark, clowns, jumping off the diving board, etc.) Why were those things not as scary with a parent around? Realistically, what is the worst thing that could happen to you for truly living for Christ in this school?

### ACTION CHALLENGES:

- **Group Challenge:** Take a photo, Instastory, or snap with those around you inviting people to FP next week!
- **Invite Challenge:** Text 2 friends you know are Christians and 2 friends you know aren't Christians 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 to 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.