

FAITHFULNESS

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, we are glad that you are here! This week is Overcome Week and today we will journey through how to overcome unfaithfulness with a God that remains **FAITHFUL.**" "*if we are faithless, He remains faithful*" **2 Timothy 2:13**

- **Opening Prayer**

- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about how overcoming unfaithfulness can lead us to a faithful God.



GROUP TIME: Finding Favor (20 minutes)

Student Speaker: "You promised!" How many times have you said that to someone in your life? We want those who are important in our lives to keep their promise so that we can trust that they will do what they say. Faithfulness describes someone who keeps his or her promise. It says I will keep my word, I will not fail you - I will not quit on you.

How important is it that God keeps His promise? If we can't trust what He says in the Bible, we have no reason to believe. If He doesn't keep His Word, our salvation is shaky, and our hope is empty. But God does keep His promises - which makes our faith meaningful and our eternity secure.

Not following through with a commitment or breaking a promise can affect whether people trust you or not as a believer. It makes it hard for them to trust God. So how can we overcome our unfaithfulness? Practice! Start with the little things. I love what **Luke says in chapter 16, verse 10;**

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."

Also, in **Matthew chapter 25 verse 21;**

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



**GOD
IS FAITHFUL**

BE FAITHFUL

When you develop faithful hearts, you will stay in a close walk with God and you will find more success in your relationships and sharing Jesus with your friends. Remember faithfulness is a quality of the fruit of the Spirit, so pray for it, model it, and share it!

"Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So, you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:3-4

Practicing faithfulness takes effort. Can you remember a time when someone close to you disappointed you and they risked losing your trust? When someone is unfaithful, it can really affect your relationship with him or her. Or maybe you have disappointed someone and that has jeopardized his or her trust in you. Sometimes a simple, "I'm sorry" - or - "What can I do to make this right?" will start the conversation to restoring trust. Take hope in knowing that even when we fail in being faithful, God is always faithful.

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: How does faithfulness give you favor with people?

Discussion Option 2: Why do you think earning trust is so important when trying to share the Gospel?

ACTION CHALLENGES:

- **Group Challenge:** If you have started a prayer journal, keep adding names and requests to your list and continue praying for them.
- **Invite Challenge:** Invite someone who hasn't come in a while and remind him or her that they are missed.
- **Prayer Challenge:** Take 3 minutes to text 3 friends from your prayer journal that you are praying for them right now.

WRAP UP: 2 minutes

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

