

Like Father: 1 John 5:4, John 16:33

Part 4: Overcomers

Jesus taught that *we can't expect real life change unless there's real heart change.*

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. -1 John 5:4.

God doesn't want you to fight yourself, He wants to give you a new self. This is what it means to be born again.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. -John 16:33

When Jesus talks about trouble, he means things like:

Your trouble may make you feel like you are a victim of:

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*Jesus told his followers they'd have trouble in this **world** and then promised that he would transform _____ into _____!*

Application:

Life Group Study Guide

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Reflect on the baptisms that you witnessed on Sunday. What struck you about the stories that you heard? Did God speak to you through those testimonies? What do you think He was impressing upon you?

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Discuss a time when you did something that you knew wasn't a good idea. Why did you do it, even though you knew it was a bad idea?

Do you ever struggle with the tension of knowing what the right thing to do is, but still doing something else? Read 1 John 5:1-5. How do you think being 'born of God' (or born again) addresses this issue? How can our faith lead us to overcome the world? In your own words, what does it mean to 'overcome the world.'?

How would your life be different if you truly accepted that through Jesus you have been given a new identity as a child of God?

Read John 16:33. When Jesus talks about trouble (or tribulation), what kinds of things is he talking about? Do you wrestle with some of these 'troubles'?

When you are faced with the trouble of this world, how can you remind yourself that through Jesus you have become an overcomer?

Reflect on this series. What is one thing that you have learned or been reminded of that you will seek to apply to your life. Discuss how you will implement changes and keep one another accountable through prayer and encouragement.