



**March 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> | Craig Smith: Overcoming (John 16:25-33)**

1. Reflect on the baptisms you witnessed in the service this past weekend. What impression or thought did you have as you witnessed them?
2. Why do you think baptism is an important step in someone's relationship with Jesus?

//Read John 16:25-33//

3. Consider John 11:11-15. Why was there tension surrounding Jesus' claims about Lazarus?
  - a. How do you tend to judge whether someone is speaking figuratively or plainly?
  - b. Why did Jesus speak figuratively at times, while other times speaking plainly?

***Faith in Jesus gives us direct access to God.***

4. What do you think was missing in the disciples' lives that made them unable to understand Jesus' claims?
5. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in revealing God's truth and wisdom? (see John 15:26; 16:7-15)
  - a. How does the Holy Spirit work in tandem with the Bible to reveal God's truth?

***Without the Holy Spirit, our understanding will always fall short.***

6. How do Jesus' words in John 16:32-33 serve to inform and prepare the disciples for what is to come when Jesus is arrested and crucified?

***Even when the world turns its back on us, God never does.***

7. How was it that Jesus overcame the world? How can you use this truth to help someone in your life overcome the world?

***Peace comes from knowing that, in Christ, we will overcome anything the world throws at us.***

*Leaders: Record your group's engagement via the MHC app.*