

Overcomer

WEEK 3- OVERCOMING TRIALS

BIG IDEA:

A trial is the testing of one's patience or endurance. As followers of Jesus, we are not called to look like the rest of the world. We are called to have different values, different standards, different goals, and different faith. We have a different faith in trials because we have the faith to overcome.

KEY VERSE:

1 Peter 1:6-9, "So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. You love God even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls".

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. If our faith is not built on what we see but on who God is, what are some of the attributes of God that helps us have faith?

Key Point #1: False Faith: Inherited faith, shallow faith, and conditional faith.

2. Could you relate to any of these types of false faith? Which one could you most identify with?

Key Point #2: Trials Reveal Your Faith.

3. In what ways has your faith been tested? How have those experiences affected you?

Key Point #3: Current Trials Build Your Faith to Overcome Future Trials.

4. Can you think of a time where a past difficulty prepared you for a later experience?
5. What do you feel like God is building in you in this season, to be used in the future?

Key Point #4: Trials Draw You Closer to God.

6. Who is God revealing Himself to be to you right now in the midst of and as the result of, your current circumstances?

MOVING FORWARD:

As you grow to depend on God, you rejoice in trials because God is building something in you and is revealing Himself in ways He could not have before. As a group, discuss the areas you struggle to have faith. In what ways could God be building your faith through those areas?