

Koinonia

Week Seven: Overcome Together



One of the best ways to overcome difficulties in life is to be connected in Life Group. It's a place where you can find support, encouragement, correction, and guidance to navigate the hurdles of life that tend to trip us up. When we commit to all being real in our relationships, we can pick each other up when we fall and continue to grow together in our faith in Christ.

Introspect

- Is there an area in your life that you would like to “overcome” in your future?
- Now that we are at the end of this series, what are some things you’ve learned about “koinonia” relationships?

Investigate

- Read **1 John 5:1-5, 10-18** together below and note the concepts in bold.

Love Together *“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.” (1 John 5:1)*

Obey Together *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” (1 John 5:2-3)*

Overcome Together *“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)*

Believe Together *“Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:5)*

Witness Together *“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have*

life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:10-13)

Pray Together *“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)*

Change Together *“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.” (1 John 5:16-18)*

- How do the concepts in bold print above work together and become interrelated? For example: if we _____ together, how does that help us _____ together?
- Can you think of examples of what these look like when put into practice? Share with your Life Group.

Incorporate

- All of this culminates into the thought that we are definitely better together. Which concepts from the top do you struggle with the most? What area do you struggle with the least?
- What are some areas you are trying to overcome in your life that you know you need the help of your Life Group? Openly share with your group.

Investment

Please continue to pray for our Cove Mission Teams as one team returns from South Africa and another prepares to leave for Ireland this month. Is your group committed to praying for one of the countries where we are going as a church this year? Perhaps you are ready to take your next step in Missions. Find out more at www.covechurch.org/serveglobally.

Consider how you can be a part of reaching people through serving at a Neighborhood Campus or committing to be a part of a new Community Campus start-up team. Our vision to reach 40,000 continues!

