

He Has Overcome the World

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Reading/Group Discussion

Break the virtual ice (5 minutes)

This week, begin by having everyone share their highs and lows of the week.

Begin with prayer (5 minutes)

As you begin your virtual gathering, have someone open your time together by praying that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Checking the pulse (10 minutes)

Use a few minutes catching up on how everyone has been. Make sure that everyone has time and space to share what is happening in their lives.

Read this overview

Jesus told us that this world would be full of trouble and hardship. But he also told us that all who build their lives on him will be able to withstand any storm.

This past weekend, Chad preached about Jesus and the storm. In this sermon he shared three important truths:

1. Jesus Knew What He Was Doing – He is in control.
2. Jesus Made Room to Spend Time with the Father – He Knows what is best.
3. Jesus Responds to Those Who Cry Out to Him – He can be trusted.

As followers of Jesus, we can have confidence in his promises and take heart, because Jesus has overcome the world.

Talk through this past weekend's sermon & encourage one another (20-30 minutes)

- How did this weekend's sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you? Explain.
- Imagine what it would have been like for you to be one of the disciples experiencing this storm. What do you feel? How do your present circumstances in light of COVID-19 make you feel? How do these two scenarios compare or contrast?

- Out of the three truths that Chad shared (see above), which do you feel like you “get” the most? Which one do you struggle with the most? Explain.
- Describe what would change in your life if you lived as if God was 100% in control and if you trusted him 100%.
- What is keeping you from handing 100% control over to God? What is keeping you from trusting him 100%?
- Where in your life have you seen intimacy with someone lead to deeper levels of trust and a deeper sense of security?
- In what ways does spending time with a Father like Jesus help us grow in our trust and security in God? When have you personally experienced this reality?
- How does this sermon or the daily work challenge you to live differently?

As a church, we affirm that God is always working. He is always directing, leading, and guiding us. Spend some time discussing what God is inviting you into right now.

- What do you sense God doing **in** you that you need to respond to?
- What do you sense God doing **around** you that you think he is inviting you into?
- What do you sense God doing **through** you that you need courage for?

Spend time thinking through how your group can be #FORTHE317 (5 minutes)

Try asking the following:

- How can we serve one another?
- How can you best serve your family in this time?
- What is a way that we can best serve our neighbors in this time?

Finish with prayer (5-10 minutes)

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.