



Getting-to-know-you questions:

<p>For a new group: Would you rather be able to run at 100 miles per hour or fly at 10 miles per hour?</p>	<p>For an established group: Have you ever been in a situation where you felt powerless? How did that make you feel? (Other than powerless!)</p>
<p>From the message:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does it help you to recognize that God knows that in this world we will have trouble? How does it help us to know that Jesus tells the disciples this even before the events of their desertion and His death? What does it mean to you when Jesus says that He has overcome the world? How is that supposed to help us? In your mind what does Jesus mean by “take heart”? Does all of this mean that Jesus is going to solve all our problems? Why or why not? 	
<p>Read: 1 John 4:17-5:12</p>	<p>Watch: The Books of 1, 2 & 3 John TONY EVANS Session - 1 John 4:17-5:12 https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/229858?session=268228</p>
<p>Discuss from the reading:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe a time in your life where you felt (or feel) that you were trapped by the world. How did you feel in the middle of it? Can you describe a time where you leaned on God’s power to deal with the world (through a temptation, or a trial, or external pressure)? What part do you play in overcoming the world, according to everything laid out in 1 John? Describe a time when you’ve doubted God’s ability to come through for you. What led you to feel like God couldn’t deliver on His promise? <p>*Questions taken from RNM free study guide.</p>	<p>Discuss from the video:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe a time in your life where you felt (or feel) that you were trapped by the world. How did you feel in the middle of it? Can you describe a time where you leaned on God’s power to deal with the world (through a temptation, or a trial, or external pressure)? What part do you play in overcoming the world, according to everything laid out in 1 John? Describe a time when you’ve doubted God’s ability to come through for you. What led you to feel like God couldn’t deliver on His promise? <p>*Questions taken from RNM free study guide.</p>

Prayer:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for those that are going through challenges and persecution now. Pray that we will “take heart” when we encounter challenges and persecution like Jesus did. Pray that we will have peace and strength to weather these challenges well
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