

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

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Faith is the Victory
I John 5:1-5

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.

VICTORY.

*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. What spiritual battle has been the focus of your attention lately?

2. What has been the greatest competition that you or your kids ever won?

Go

(your group on mission)

Using the four concepts (believing, obeying, love and overcoming), how would you explain and display to someone what being a Christian is all about. Think of those facing certain defeat in the worldly battle because they do not have faith in Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share your faith in Him to help them see His victory.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

1. Read I John 5:1-5.
2. How are believing, obeying, love and overcoming connected?
3. What are some inevitable results of being born of God.
4. Read I John 2:15-17 and I John 4:1-6. Identify the major characteristics of the world? Give examples of these characteristics that you see in the world today.
5. In light of these characteristics, what does it then mean to overcome the world?
6. Why does John repeatedly emphasize right doctrine, holiness, and love?
7. Why are God's commandments not burdensome?
8. When and why might someone find His commands burdensome?

9. Whose is the victory that has overcome the world? Why is our faith the victory that overcomes the world (see John 16:33)?

10. What evidence of the victory over the world do you see in your life?

11. Using the "love test" of verse 1, how are you doing at loving God? What barriers do you find to passing this "love test?"

12. Using the test from verses 2-3 (obedience), how are you doing at loving others?

13. Read John 16:33 and Romans 8:37. Think of Jesus overcoming the world. What do you need to see Jesus gaining victory in you or others today?

Give

(your group serving each other)

Think of ways that you can help each other grow in faith and gain victory over those worldly characteristics through Jesus. Pray for one another as the Holy Spirit leads.