

DISCUSSION

1. John says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.” How do God’s commandments demonstrate His love? Why do you think people have a hard time seeing this truth?
2. What does John mean in this passage when he speaks of “the world”? What does it look like to overcome the world? How is that done?
3. How does belief in Jesus relate to overcoming the world?
4. If Jesus has already overcome the world, what is He waiting for? Why not come and make all things new? Read these passages and discuss. (Matt. 28:18-20, John 14:12, 2 Peter 3:9)
5. How does obeying God prove that we have overcome the world?
6. How does obeying God prove that we love our neighbor? (1 John 5:2)
7. John says that even some who were previously in the church, but left, were never a part of it (1 John 2:19). What does it mean to truly believe that Jesus is the Christ— the Messiah? (1 John 5:1) What are some distinguishing markers of being an overcomer?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

1. Why would we desire to overcome the world?
2. How does Jesus overcome the world, and how can we?
3. How does being an overcomer shape the way we live, both toward God and others?
4. Why is it good to obey God's commands? How does that show that He loves us?

NEXT STEPS

- Find a way to love your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This could be done through spring cleaning, yard work, gardening, or watching someone's kids. Get creative! This is also a great way to share the love of God with unbelievers.
- Spend time meditating on the love of God. Find verses throughout the Bible to aid in this process. How does God's love relate to His desire to make us overcomers? Thank Him for His love and grace.