



STUDY THROUGH 1 JOHN WEEK TEN | MADE TO OVERCOME



REAL FAITH TAKES WORK

YOU CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH.

I have a mountain bike that collects dust in my garage. Whenever I get up the motivation to ride it I'm reminded of the small leak in the front and back tires. Small enough to leave both tires flat over a short period of time. Now I could try to ride my mountain bike with flat tires but at this point in my life I'm smart enough to know that I won't go anywhere, that I won't be able to steer and ultimately it will damage the rims and tires. So, I go through the process of filling the tires with air. I think spiritual life is like that.

The world presses on us. In fact, there's a constant pressure that pushes the spiritual air out of us. It's not a blowout, just a small leak leaving us feeling spiritually flat. Have you been feeling that way? I know it can be discouraging. God wants to breath spiritual air into you but it means a steadfast and relentless focus on the gospel. Your faith isn't just a one time event, it is a daily exchange with God. As you remain gospel centered God pumps you up with the spiritual air the strengthens you to conquer the world and all that it throws at you.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."

MATTHEW 22:37-40



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share about areas where you feel spiritually flat. Be transparent with each other. Pray for one another, that God would breath His renewing breath upon your life.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **Explain how keeping God's commands enables you to overcome the world. What commands is John talking about in these verses? Why aren't the commands of the Lord burdensome?**

Sometimes we need to preach the gospel to ourselves. Not in the sense of believing for the very first time but to remind ourselves of what Jesus did for us and all that means.

- **How does this strengthen you in areas where you may be spiritually flat?**



CALVARY CHAPEL
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"THE WORLD WANTS TO WEAR YOU DOWN AND IT WILL DO IT BY APPLYING CONSTANT PRESSURE."

DEREK NEIDER

- What does having a relentless focus on the gospel mean?
- In what ways can you develop a more relentless focus on the gospel? Be specific.

"NOT THAT I HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED, OR AM ALREADY PERFECTED; BUT I PRESS ON, THAT I MAY LAY HOLD OF THAT FOR WHICH CHRIST JESUS HAS ALSO LAID HOLD OF ME. BRETHREN, I DO NOT COUNT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED; BUT ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND AND REACHING FORWARD TO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE AHEAD, I PRESS TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS."

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14



REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, what one area have you been being overcome by the world.

How will you use the gospel to strengthen you in that area. What are expecting God to do by faith?

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God strengthened you to overcome.

