

Life Group Homework

JOHN 16:17-33 – Jesus: I Have Overcome the World

Getting Started:

1. When a trial, great or small, enters our lives what biblical beliefs are typically challenged?
2. Are there one or two core beliefs that just about every trial challenges at one level or another?

Digging In:

1. Jesus tells his disciples in John 16:20 that the world will rejoice while they are lamenting. In what way would the death of Jesus bring joy to ‘the world’?
2. How does God transform our sorrow into joy?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus told his disciples in verse 22 that no one will take their joy?
4. Verse 24 tells us that one of the reasons God grants our requests is so that our joy may be full. How might this affect the sort of things we request? [See Psalm 37:3 to help the discussion.]
5. What does it mean to ask things ‘in Jesus name’ when we are praying?
6. Why is Jesus careful to point out that he is not asking the Father on our behalf but that the Father himself loves us (vs. 26-27)?
7. How might these words of Jesus been a source of peace to the disciples during this great test of their faith (vs. 33)?
8. In what way has Jesus overcome the world?

Living It Out:

1. Discuss just how the truth that Jesus has overcome the world is able to bring you peace in the midst of the trials you are facing today.
2. Discuss how the truths of this passage can help you find joy in the midst of the trials that you are facing today.