

Overcome (10/13/24)

Discussion Questions

Summary: What comes first – faith or understanding? We would love to understand why certain things happen and how long a certain struggle will continue. But faith wouldn't be faith if we understood everything perfectly. The disciples have this wildly ironic line in John 16:30 – “Now we know that you know all things... this is why we believe.” Suddenly they understood? Finally they got it? Jesus answered, “Do you now believe?” It's an important question for all of us in these turbulent and unpredictable times. How can we navigate confusion and doubt? First, believe in Jesus. Second, find peace in Him. Third, trust God to provide understanding in His time. The order there is important. Memorize John 16:33. You'll need it soon.

“Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?” John 16:29-31

How to navigate confusion and doubt:

1. **Believe** that Jesus was sent by God the Father (v. 25-32; Jn. 11:25-26)
2. Find **Peace** in your relationship with Him (v. 33)
3. Trust God to provide **Understanding** in His time (v. 25-26, 29-30; Mark 16:8)

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Get Started:

1. How did you do through Hurricane Milton?
2. How were your neighbors? What opportunities did the Lord provide through this storm?

Dig In: Read John 16:25-33

3. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. What do you think Jesus meant by “the hour is coming” (v. 25) and “in that day” (v. 26)?
5. Why do you think Jesus mentions the Father in v. 27-28?
6. What is the problem with the disciples' attitude in v. 29-30?
7. What does Jesus' response in v. 31-32 tell us?
8. How does v. 33 fit in this whole conversation?

Move Forward:

- How does v. 33 encourage you today? What does it look like for you to find peace in Jesus right now?
- What are you struggling to understand right now in terms of life, God's purposes, some kind of suffering or loss?
- What specific truths about God are you holding onto in faith right now? How does that help you resist the temptation to worry and instead trust in the Lord?
- How can we pray for you today?