

OVERCOMING  
**FEAR**



**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**



### **Week 1**

**Text:** John 3:16–21

**Topic:** The Purpose of the Church, Selfishness, Fear

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus came into a dark world in order to save it.

**Application Point:** We can overcome fear when we set our hearts on God's purposes and unfailing love.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's lesson?
2. What does this passage tell us about who God is? About us?
3. How can selfishness and fear hinder what the church is called to do?
4. What is one thing that has helped you share the gospel courageously?
5. Do you find anything scary about talking to people about your faith?
6. How can I pray for you?



## **Week 2**

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:14–6:2

**Topic:** Fear of the Unknown, Ambassadors, Reconciliation

**Big Idea of the Message:** God has given believers a call to be his ambassadors, carrying his message of reconciliation to the world.

**Application Point:** We can overcome the fear of the unknown and reconcile a lost world to God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's lesson?
2. What does the word "ambassador" mean? In what ways are Christians like ambassadors?
3. How would you explain to someone that God wants to be reconciled with him/her?
4. Do you know anyone who needs to be reconciled to God? How might you cooperate with God to bring that about?
5. How can I pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** 2 Timothy 3:10–17

**Topic:** Fear of Pain, Persecution, Scripture

**Big Idea of the Message:** Persecution is a normal part of Christian life, but God will accomplish his purposes even through our pain.

**Application Point:** We can overcome the fear of persecution by trusting God and equipping ourselves with his Word.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's lesson?
2. Why is it important to read the Bible?
3. In what ways do believers you know face persecution?
4. How has reading the Bible for yourself equipped you and/or helped you when you face pain?
5. What are some things you find helpful or challenging for your own Bible reading?
6. How can I pray for you?



#### **Week 4**

**Text:** Mark 8:34–38

**Topic:** Cross, Following Christ, Lordship

**Big Idea of the Message:** Trusting Jesus as Lord must include following his example by dying to ourselves.

**Application Point:** When we give up control over our lives and trust God to lead us, we can overcome fear and live the kind of life he wants us to live.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's lesson?
2. What does it mean to die to oneself?
3. Would anyone like to share your testimony on how you became a follower of Jesus?
4. What does the phrase "take up your cross" mean? In what way has following Christ made you take up a cross?
5. How can I pray for you?