Lessons IN OVERCOMING
CONVERSATIONS WITH Corrie ten Boom
SMALL GROUP STUDY

Session 1: Christ Is Victor

Even though Scripture tells us God gives us victory through Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57), the evils of this world can overwhelm us. Loneliness strikes everyone, and it's tempting to fill the emptiness with substitutes for love, acceptance, and connection—only to find them hollow. Corrie ten Boom knew this deeply. In 1944, she was arrested from her father's watchmaker's shop—where her family hid Jewish people—then placed in a solitary prison cell for months. That's where she discovered that Jesus alone filled her void. His presence gave her strength to endure unimaginable evil. We can also invite Jesus to fill our lonely places and reveal His victory in the challenges we face today.

Scriptures

Read through the verses below, then choose one verse for your group to memorize this week.

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV®)
"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV®)
But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 46:1 (NIV®)
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Discussion Questions

1. What thoughts and emotions did you experience as you watched this video? How does Corrie's story speak into your life and our world today?

2. When have you experienced God's presence in loneliness? What did you do to invite His presence? How would you encourage someone else to draw closer to God when they encounter lonely times in their lives?

3. Provide an example of a difficult place the Lord brought you to and how He carried you through. Read Psalm 46:1 aloud together as a group. How can this truth speak into challenges you face today?

4. Corrie's father told her, "God will always give you what you need, precisely at the moment you need it." Share a situation when God's timing may not have been what you hoped for but was ultimately perfect. Where do you need to trust God's timing today?

5. How is believing different than understanding? What can you do today to remind yourself and others that the goal of our faith is not understanding but belief? Look up and underline Isaiah 55:9 in your Bible.

6. Share an experience when the Lord didn't change your circumstances but instead provided the peace and perseverance necessary to weather the challenge. How can you use this experience to encourage others?

Prayer

Father, thank You for watching over me. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your presence amongst us, even during the loneliest of times. You know the challenges I face. Thank You that none of them are beyond You, and that You are not intimidated or threatened by anything. You have asked me to persevere; please give me Your strength. Thank You that You are alive and well, Your Spirit is within me, and I am more than a conqueror because of Jesus Christ, who has called me victorious. In Jesus' name, amen.

Dig Deeper

If you're ready to explore this topic even more, we've assembled some resources to help you here: **wochurch.org/overcoming**

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