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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 03.31.24 Pulpit Curriculum

Victory in Christ over the World

Main Passage: John 16:33

- 1) The Mess the We are In: The mess we are in is part of the world system, a spiritual environment designed by the enemy that hates believers because it hates Jesus (Jn 15:18ff). All that is in the world is the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the boastful pride of man (1 John 2:15-17). The impact of the world and social media has multiplied tribulations because it makes us more aware of affliction/struggles and it aggravates isolation, increasing our complacency in the distractions and not the resources found in Christ.
 - A. What are the pressures and tribulation that you are facing? Who is walking with you through these pressures? _____

 - B. Does your time in social media or entertainment display self-control? Are you more likely to be consumed by social media or the things of God? _____

- 2) The Peace that We Can Find: Jesus speaks of holistic joy found in His peace and his works. Taking courage is part of yielding to the presence of the Holy Spirit, because His peace is built on promise, not an aspiration (John 14:27). Jesus Christ's peace is a function of being found in Christ; if you do not have the peace with God (a saving relationship), you cannot have the peace of God.
 - C. How do you align yourself with God? What are some ways to apply this in your daily walk? _____

 - D. What are some promises that you stand on or cling to for the peace of God? List them out. See John Chapters 13-16. _____

- 3) Jesus Christ Overcame through the Resurrection: Looking back, we see that He overcame the grave, triumphing over the sting of death. If Jesus raised from the dead, it changes everything and strengthens our hope in the promise that we will triumph with Him and that He will raise us with Him.

Three Proofs of the Resurrection:

 1. Prominence of the Resurrection in Apostolic Preaching



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2. Birth of Christianity so quick and soon in Jerusalem; conversion of over 3000 people on the day of Pentecost
 3. The Apostles once cowards, now captains of the faith. On the night of Christ's arrest, everyone scattered. Only John and the Marys were with Jesus at the cross. However, all but one were martyred for their faith.
- E. Are you absolutely persuaded of the resurrection of Christ? How many proofs can you name for the physical resurrection of Christ? Who in your life can you share these with? _____
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- F. What is the fruit of a life forever effected by the resurrection of Christ? _____
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- 4) The Believer's Victory in Christ: There are two spheres of influence – being in the world or in Jesus Christ. In the world unbelievers are dead in their trespasses, but believers are not of the world. If we are in Christ, we are chosen out of the world and our identity is no longer of this world, but we have this great victory in Christ.
- G. What category are you in? How do you know that you have moved from the wreckage of the world to the victory in Christ? What are some markers/fruit of that identity? _____
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- 5) Walking in Christ's Victory: Whoever is born of God overcomes through Jesus Christ. The foundation of our victory in Him is His **love** toward us (1John 4:9) and nothing can separate us from His love (Rom 8:28-39). The love of God is in keeping His commandments - more than a feeling, but a willingness to function in **obedience** and a desire to walk closely with Christ (1 John 3:5). Our **faith** in His promise that we will also overcome is the peace we carry as we live in his love and walk in obedience.
- H. How does activity in the things of Christ testify to identity in Christ? Is it a joy for you to walk in obedience? Describe how you feel about obedience to the things of God. _____
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- I. Consider the truths of the promises listed above (Question D), how does the truth of His love in His promises increase our faith as we walk in obedience? _____
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