



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Assured | February 9, 2020 | 1 John 5:1-5

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.” –1 John 5:3

FROM THE TEXT

- Read 1 John 5:1-5. The “family language” John uses to describe our relationship to God is strong throughout his entire letter and especially our passage this week. Why is this so significant? How does relating to God as his family or child bring spiritual maturity and assurance in our faith?
- Read Revelation 12:7-11 (emphasis on v.11). The word “overcome” from our passage and “conquered” in Rev. 12:11 are essentially the same. What similarities can be drawn between our passage and Revelation 12:11? In conclusion: what does it mean to biblically overcome the world and Satan?

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Chris talked about God’s commands feeling burdensome to us at times. Has there been a time in your life when you thought of obeying God’s commands as only a burden? What was going on in your life around this time? What changed?
- Yes we will overcome by our faith. But, what Pastor Chris reminded us that the object of our faith is Jesus (as our passage also points out). Do you remind yourself of Jesus and the Gospel when you are striving to obey or resist sin? If not, what do you think has been motivating your obedience?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- What were the reasons given in the sermon for why the culture/world makes it difficult to obey God’s commands? Do you find this to be true in your circles of influence? Do you have others in your life (work, school, neighborhood, friend group) that are helpful to you in following Jesus or a hinderance?
- How can the group help you follow Jesus and obey his commands this week and beyond? What do you think needs to change? What can the group be praying about for you?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the needs that came up among the group members during your time. Remember the object of our faith—Jesus. We will overcome! And, He will turn our obedience into delight.