

# Small Group Guide

## 1 John 5:1-5

### From the sermon - #TYMK12



*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

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#### **Discuss**

1. How is obeying God out of love different than obeying Him out of fear?
2. The world often says that obeying God's commandments subdues our freedom. As a Christian, how do we actually see the opposite of that happen?
3. Overcoming the world is a lot more than overcoming temptation. What else is it?
4. Why do we feel some days like we have not overcome the world? Why do we still struggle?
5. Read 1 John 5:4-5, and discuss why having faith in Jesus is key to being an overcomer.
6. What can you do to stay faithful when you feel like you're losing?

#### **Pray**

Pray for the specific situations you are in where you feel like the world is overcoming you and ask God to remind you that He has overcome the world. Pray for other believers, your friends, and the people around you to find strength in God's overcoming power.

#### **Do**

1. Make a list of things of the world that presses against believers.
2. Then make a list of promises in Scripture that states those things will not be victorious.