



Part 4: I Have Overcome The World

The world can be a scary place. There are a lot of very real problems that we encounter every day. But Jesus didn't leave us without hope. In his teaching, he showed his disciples how to stand firm and courageous when fear surrounds them.

Discussion Questions

1. What kind of news headlines or events tend to make you feel anxious or discouraged about the world?
2. Read John 16:33 aloud together. What does Jesus *promise* in this verse? What does he *not* promise? How does that shape a realistic Christian view of life in a broken world?
3. The word "*world*" in John has both positive and negative meanings. What do you think Jesus means by "the world" in this verse? How might "the world" show up in systems, values, or habits around us today?
4. Jesus tells his disciples to "*take heart.*" What does courage look like when circumstances don't change? How is this different from denial or optimism?
5. Read the picture of a renewed heaven and earth in Revelation 21:1-7. What do you think is the purpose of this kind of vision being shared with God's people? How does this change the way you view the present world and the struggles in it (if at all)? How does it make you feel about the future?

Moving Forward

What does it look like to "*join the revolution of love*" in your everyday life — at work, in community, or with people who disagree with you?

When you face fear, injustice, or suffering, what helps you remember that the outcome is already decided — that Christ's victory is real even when the battle continues?