## Stronger Together - The Power to Overcome -

5 Keys to Living Life in an Overcoming Way  1. We overcome when our life and message stays focused on Jesus and we stay deeply thankful for His salvation.  John 16:33b; Acts 5:17-42; Revelation 12:10-11
2. We overcome when we are ready and <u>realistic</u> about the fact that this life comes with trials and sorrows. <i>John</i> 16:1-4a
3. We overcome when we <u>identify</u> with Christ in our trials and sorrows, connecting our trials with His suffering so that we can connect with His overcoming. 1 Peter 4:12-13; 2 Corinthians 12:10
4. We overcome when we make life about others and their overcoming, not just ourselves. Romans 12:9-12
5. We overcome when we keep our eyes on the <u>prize</u> and realize we're in a battle that will be over soon. 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 3:11-13

## **Next Week's Reading Guide:**

Acts 4:32-37; Acts 6:1-7 Matthew 20:20-28 Matthew 25:14-30 Romans 12:3-8; Philippians 2:1-18 Galations 5:13-26 1 Peter 4:1-11; Revelation 22:1-5 Revelation 1:4-8; Ephesians 6:7-8

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How central to your life and message is salvation? Are you in touch with how desperately you need Jesus? Discuss.
- 2. When a trial or sorrow comes your way, do you identify with Christ in it? Do you invite Jesus into it? Do you recognize He died for it?
- 3. Do you actively focus on helping others overcome in their trials and sorrows? How does this positively affect your sense of overcoming?
- 4. How much does knowing that this battle will be over soon and Heaven is coming impact your ability to overcome? How does the promise of eternal life and heavenly rewards affect how you live now?