



Week #4: Overcome The Problems

In our study of Matthew 10, we have been challenged by Jesus to “*Understand the Plan*” and “*Work the Process*.” We might assume if we do this, success is guaranteed. ***Not!*** Sometimes people are not interested in receiving the Gospel. How should we handle rejection? This Sunday we continued our series when Jesus teaches us how to ***Overcome the Problems***.

Relevant Information (Large Group)

- What is something you like to do in your free time?
- Rate your week 1-5 (1 being difficult, 5 being great).
- What was one thing that God showed you this past week in your relationship with him?
- How do you normally respond when someone rejects something of which you are excited?
- Identify some problems that people face when they try and share the gospel with others.
- Read Acts 13:44-52. What were some of the problems Paul and Barnabas faced when they shared the gospel in Antioch? How did God turn these problems into something good?
- What emotions do you experience when someone opposes your message of Jesus’ love?
- In Rick’s message, he outlined three problems when we share the gospel: public resistance, personal rejection and private reticence. Which of these three have you experienced and how did you overcome that problem?
- Share additional stories from the Bible that are great examples of someone who overcame some problems in sharing the gospel with others.
- Read Matthew 10:16-31. What are some additional principles that can encourage us as we share the gospel with other people?
- In light of our discussion, is there an additional insight you would like to discuss further with the group?

Gracious Obedience “Application” (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- What is one topic or concept that stood out to you in our discussion tonight?
- How can you apply that topic or concept to your life?

Walking Together (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- Considering your discussion, pick one verse that your group will commit to memorizing this week.

Outreach (Large Group)

- There are only two weeks left in this series. Discuss a specific way that your group can share Jesus’ love with others in the community or with people that are not in your group.