

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**PART 4 – NEVER ALONE: *Overcomer***

**NOTES:** *No better time to live! By the Spirit, we have...*

- I. DIRECT ACCESS TO TRUTH
- II. DIRECT ACCESS TO JOY
- III. DIRECT ACCESS TO PEACE

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** If you could experience any historical period, what would it be and why? Since 1920, in what decade would you have most liked to grow up? Why could today potentially be the best time to be alive, and as a Christian? Discuss.

**The Basics:** Read John 16:7, 12–33. What encouraging words did Jesus share with His disciples before His death and departure? What stands out to you and why?

**Quick-Fire Round**

1. Read John 16:12–15, 14:6, 16–17, 2 Timothy 3:16–17, and Ephesians 4:20–24. What *complete truth* is available today? How can the fullness of this truth shape our lives?
2. Read Matthew 7:7, Ephesians 4:14–16, 1 Peter 2:2, Colossians 1:9–10, Colossians 2:6–7, and 2 Peter 1:5–8. With the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and full access to God’s Word, how can you grow up as a Christian and help others mature in their faith?
3. Read John 16:16–24. Why did Jesus say we have direct access to joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness? Read James 1:2–4 and 1 Peter 4:12–14. How can you experience joy in every circumstance?
4. Read John 16:25–33, John 14:27, and Philippians 4:6–7. We have direct access to peace. What is the difference between peace in Christ and peace in the world? Where does your peace come from? How could you experience greater peace today?

**Challenge:** Today, with direct access to God, a full understanding of the resurrection and return of Christ, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and more resources than ever before, how should all of this impact the way we live?

**For Additional Study:** Read Romans Chapter 8. Determine what the Spirit does, how the Spirit works and acts, and how the Spirit could impact your life greatly.

**Memorize John 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**Prayer:** *Father, thank you that I am never alone. Thank you that I have full and direct access to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thank you that you have given me your Word to guide me and your Spirit to counsel me. In Christ, teach me to live the truth and experience greater joy and peace no matter what I may go through. Amen.*