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Oasis HS 2019 (Fall Edition!) was amazing! We hope that your students were encouraged and challenged to receive, live, and share the Victory that belongs to them in Jesus! Here are some sample activities and questions you can use at your next youth gathering to revisit this Victory! Even those who weren't at Oasis will benefit from what the other students received from the event.

Note: Use whatever works in your context and throw away the rest! Don't just read this paper!

Activity Ideas:

"Three Dollars Worth"

You can use this as an upfront crowd engager, or fun illustration in a small group discussion setting.

- *Items you will need:*
 - 3 cups that you cannot see through
 - Cash... 3 \$1 bills, a \$5 bill, a \$10 bill.
 - Tape
- *Prepare*
 - Tape the 3 1 dollar bills in one cup, and each of the larger bills in the other two cups. Be sure you know which one has the 3 dollars in it!
 - Place the cups face down
- *The Activity:*
 - Ask for a volunteer, and show them the cup with \$3 in it. Tell the student to keep a close eye on that cup, and if they can guess it right, they get the money! Then (without making it too difficult) mix the cups in front of him/her several times. Get them to guess the cup, and reward them!
- *The Point:*
 - Say something like this... ***Congrats on your \$3! At Oasis, Ty Zimmerman said that we often settle for \$3 worth of God and miss out on all that He has for us. Our mindset is so stuck on ourselves, that we don't see the rest.*** (Then reveal that there were other cups in play with more money in it!) ***Isn't this how we operate? God has given us victory and power, but we settle for what we think we can control and we don't even recognize what He's really given us. We think God is just a free ticket out of Hell, or maybe even a "good luck charm" or a way for us to appear good to our parents so we can get our way. That's the \$3 worth, but God has life abundant and daily victory that brings meaning, purpose, joy, and hope to everything!***

Insert your favorite group competitive game!

Rather than give you a specific game, use one your group knows and loves! If the game has a clear winner, team effort, and challenges in it, here are some ways you can connect it to the theme of victory:

- *In this game, much like you learned at Oasis, victory is not just a given! You must receive it! Good news though, it's not about your willpower and ability... Jesus won for you and offers that victory to you!*

- *Living in victory isn't easy, but we're also not just left to fend for ourselves. Like you had a team in this game to help carry you to victory, Jesus and other Jesus followers can help you live in the victory God has given you.*
- *What challenges does this game give you that make claiming victory hard? You've been given victory in Jesus, but we still have challenges that make living in that victory hard too. What are some of those difficulties in life?*
- *Throughout this game, you were trying to help your friends achieve victory with you. God has placed people in your life that you can help them get the victory that Jesus has won for them. How can we share His victory with them?*

Reflection Questions from Victory:

- For those of you at Oasis, what were you left encouraged or challenged by from the weekend?
- What does it mean for us to have victory in Jesus?
- Our speaker, Ty Zimmerman, talked about growing up saying he was a Christian, but not actually choosing to follow Jesus for real until after college. What's the difference? How can we recognize whether we are really following Jesus?
- Somebody read Romans 12:1-2. What does this say about how we can live in the victory we have in Jesus? Practically speaking, what can this look like in our lives?
- Here's a couple nuggets of wisdom Ty shared that we can discuss:
 - Ty shared was that we need to **follow Jesus, not our feelings**. What did he mean by that? Why can we get this confused sometimes?
 - Ty also shared that we need to **spend time being with Jesus instead of just doing things for Jesus**. What's the difference? Honestly, where do you find yourself more? What helps you spend time with Jesus more meaningfully?
- Living in victory isn't done alone; it is done with other Christians supporting you, and it is done so that non-Christians can share in that victory. What kind of people do you surround yourself with most? What is the fine line between being influenced by non-Christians and being the influencer toward non-Christians? How can we keep living out and sharing the victory that's ours in Jesus?