

Growth Group Discussion Q's

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Fun Discussion Starter: Describe an experience in your earlier life that has had a lasting impact in you for the good?

Message Review: We are in a Spiritual Battle

Spiritual warfare in the Bible is the ongoing, invisible conflict between the kingdom of God and the forces of darkness. As believers, we are called to resist evil using divine tools rather than physical weapons.

The Rise and Fall of Satan

- Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-17; Revelation 12:7-9; 20:10 describe the rise, fall and future judgment of Satan.
- Do you have a hard time believing that a fallen angelic being like Satan exists?
- Are there attributes of Satan that surprise you? How do they align with pop culture's description of Satan or the devil?
- How does Satan's power and influence compare to God's?

Satan's Influence

- Satan's primary activity is to oppose and disrupt God's plan (which is to save humanity and bring creation to order). He does so primarily by scheming against believers both directly and indirectly (1Pet 5:8-9; Eph 6:12) as well as having a strong influence on the unbelieving world (1John 5:19).
- Why is it important to the writers of scripture to make believers aware of the unseen spiritual realm – especially the existence of Satan and demons?

God's Rescue and Protection

- Read Col 1:13-14; Eph 6:10-11; 2Cor 2:11
- Why is it vital, when talking about the powerful influence of Satan, to know that we are under the divine protection of God?

Satan's Tactics

DECEPTION

Three ways that Satan deceives:

1. Twisting truth (see Gen 3:1) – Satan caused Eve to question God's good intention toward her.
2. Distraction of Good things (see John 6:27) – We are often caught up in working for "food that spoils" (ie. Good and/or necessary pursuits that are not designed to truly satisfy) rather than find our true satisfaction in Jesus, "the bread of life."

3. Pride – (see Rom 3:27-28) – Often people reject Jesus thinking that if there is a heaven, their good deeds will be sufficient for entrance.

Question: How do you observe these at work in the world and even within the church?

TEMPTATION

Satan, like a skilled fisherman, knows our tendencies and appetites. He casts shiny lures our way to entice us to bite the hook.

Question: (read 1Cor 10:13) What are common lures that entice you to bite? How do you guard yourself from taking the hook?

ACCUSATION

The name, “Satan” means “accuser.” Read 1John 1:9; 2:1.

Question: How is Jesus our advocate against Satan’s accusations when we fall short in our devotion to God?

How do we protect ourselves?

- **Read** – The bible is our primary source of truth that helps us defend against Satan’s lies (2Tim 3:16-17)
- **Pray** – Asking God for help, avails his divine weapons that can defeat strongholds (2Cor 10:4 cf. James 5:13; Eph 6:18)
- **Trust** – Jesus, who has overcome the world and Satan, is in us (John 16:33)
- **Obey** – When we submit to God, Satan is forced to flee (James 4:7)

Question:

- How are we incorporating the above practices in our day to day life?
- In which do you think you should improve? In what ways would you go about that?