

SATAN

SUPERNATURAL: THE STRUGGLE IS REAL – PART 2

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What was one of your visits “images/visual” of Satan as a child?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Brainstorm: What are all the terms you can think of that are used to refer to Satan? Don't stop until you get to 10.
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Compare and contrast Jesus and Satan in as many ways as your group can. (i.e. God is merciful, Satan has never shown mercy)
- Why is it easier to believe in God, but not Satan?
- Mark's message walked through Satan's gameplan. Share one thing you learned/realized during this message about Satan.
- Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18. When is a time you feel you have had Satan's opposition? A situation that was beyond bad choices and difficult circumstances.
- What are some things that believers do that Satan is pleased with? (aside from obvious sin, adultery, theft, etc.)
- Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-14. Where have you seen Satan “masquerading as an angel of light?”
- Mark listed our fourfold response to Satan with “R” words. Resign (to God)/Resist/Respect/Readiness. Which one is a strength for you? Which one do you need to step up on?
- How does Satan seem to have such a decent public reputation, when he shows know love/mercy/kindness/respect, etc.?
- If you could see it all, every bit of spiritual battle, who would you do differently?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, remind me that my Enemy is merciless, graceless, and also hopeless. My trust is in You, and I stand in You. Show me where I need to increase my alertness and readiness. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- This week, when your emotions start to get riled up, ask the Holy Spirit to help you peek behind the physical and see what is going on in the spiritual.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Matthew 13:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.

¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you--certainly I, Paul, did, again and again--but Satan stopped us.

1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)

¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Job 1:6 (NIV)

⁶ One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.

Revelation 12:9 (NIV)

⁹ The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

James 4:7-10 (NIV)

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Jude 1:9 (NIV)

⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

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