

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THY WILL: EXTEND THE KINGDOM

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“The New Testament evidence for Satan’s existence is extensive. Every New Testament writer and nineteen of the books make reference to him. Christ Himself makes reference to Satan twenty-five times. The fact of Satan’s existence finds ultimate support in the veracity of Christ’s words.”ⁱ

OPENING DISCUSSION

It seems that in the recent years of American culture, there has been an increase of interest in spiritual things and the supernatural.

- What do you think the American public thinks about the devil?
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EXPLORING THE TOPIC

Perspective: We don’t need to live in fear of Satan and demons because Jesus has already defeated Satan, Jesus is more powerful, and you have the Holy Spirit living within you!

“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.” John 16:33

“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

What are the commands in this passage?

What are the reasons given for the commands?

Who does this passage say that the devil’s adversary is?



How have these lies impacted your life?

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read John 8:44

How does Jesus describe the devil?

What are the implications of these character traits?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4

Paul uses the title “god of this world” for Satan. What does that mean?

How do you think that Satan has shaped the culture of our nation?

Satan has a strategic campaign to lead people away from God and take them captive to do his will instead of God's (2 Tim 2:26). Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8), and to plunder his household (Mark 3:27). As his followers, we are called to walk in the victory and freedom that he gives, and then to engage in the spiritual battle and lead those in bondage to be set free!



WRAP-UP

What steps will you take to become better equipped to stand against the lies of Satan?

How do you plan to increase your knowledge, understanding and recall of Scripture?

TAKING IT HOME

Set aside fifteen minutes to process individually the following “Pray” and “Ask” sections below. Record any thoughts that God brings to mind.

Pray: Ask God to open your eyes to see the reality of the schemes of Satan

Ask: What lies have I been believing? What is God’s truth about that issue?

Journal: What did God reveal to you? What will I do about it?

Word: Look up the Bible verses from this lesson and re-read them; finish any verses and questions that you didn’t get through during the LIFE Group.

Memorize: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Watch: The full video from Pastor Miles on the Rock website:

<http://www.sdrock.com/messages/2014-03-09/>

ⁱ Paul P. Enns, *The Moody Handbook of Theology* (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1989), 292.

ⁱⁱ Sunday sermon at the Rock Church, March 9, 2014

