



See Your Authority

WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

The challenges we encounter in the physical realm often originate in the spiritual realm. The Scriptures equip us to prevail in the battle we face against the forces of evil. In this message of the series, *SpiritualEyes*, we will look at the Bible for ways we can see our authority.

Discussion Questions

We begin by answering the question, “Where did Satan originate?” Originally, Satan was known as Lucifer and was an archangel—one of God’s best and most beautiful angels. What happened to change him from Lucifer to Satan? He became jealous of God and wanted to usurp God’s position. We learn about this account in **Isaiah 14:12-14**: **“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’”**

- How many times does Satan covet the position of God? How does God respond?
- **Revelation 12:9** says that Satan was cast to the earth and his angels with him. What do most Bible scholars believe these fallen angels became?

In Christ, Satan has no power or authority over us. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** says, **For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.** These verses illustrate the power of the weapons of our warfare. Notice the weapons mentioned all refer to guarding your mind and dealing with your thoughts. Satan and his demons don’t have the power to do anything to you. The only thing they can do is deceive.

- What are some key Scriptures we can speak over ourselves when battling the enemy?

Three Ways Demons Deceive

1. Demons influence the leaders of nations.
2. Demons will do anything to lure you away from God.
 - What are some practical things we can do to press into God when the enemy tries to lure us away from Him?
3. Demons seek to paralyze you with fear.
 - Complete the verse **1 Timothy 1:7: For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of _____, _____, and of a _____.**

How Do We Fight Against the Forces of Darkness?

1. **We never treat our enemy lightly.**
We can never take the enemy for granted. We have authority in Christ over the enemy, yet we need to be alert and wise.
2. **We don't flirt with darkness.**
Deuteronomy 18:10-12a: "Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD..."
3. **We don't fight with our power but with Christ's authority.**
We cannot do anything in our own strength. Our authority stems from our personal relationship with Christ. For greater is the One who is in us than the One who is in the world. In His authority and by His power, we can have victory over the darkness.
 - Are you currently in a battle with the enemy? If so, how can this group spiritually support you during this battle?
 - Is there anyone you know in a battle that you can be interceding for?

Life Challenge

The first step in overcoming the enemy is giving your heart and submitting to Christ. **James 4:7-8** says, **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...** If you are in a battle with the enemy, evaluate your relationship with God. Have you been fully submitted to Him? Are you able to resist the temptations of the enemy?

Prayer

We praise you Father for the victory that we have in You! Thank you for opening our eyes to the spiritual battle around us. Continue to guide us in wisdom and strategy to defeat the enemy. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.