

Sermon Discussion Guide

Revelation: Satan

Revelation 9:1-11, Ephesians 6:10-13

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Part 1: Pray

Every time we study God's word, we should ask God to use the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, teach us and mold us into who he created us to be. Ask God to reveal his truth to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passage(s) from the sermon. Keep a focus on key words, repeated phrases or major themes.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

Introduction

1. Would you say that you're aware that there is a wrestling match going on between your heart and life and the enemy?
2. What type of experiences have you had wrestling with evil? Where do you see evil present in our world, in your life and in the lives of your family and friends?

Satan: Choose Sides

1. When we examine who Satan is we find someone who "got too big for God" and he wanted to pass that sin on to us. When have/are there times when you've gotten "too big for God" and assumed your way was better? How did that turn out?
2. Thinking about your answer to question #1 above, how did/does God show you his mercy even when you oppose him?

3. Discuss with your group what happens spiritually when we start each day with the prayer, "God, I'm following you today." What makes God so trustworthy to pray that and posture our lives that way?
4. Ray explained how our sinful tendency is to expect God to work on our terms and to serve our will. How has this been true in your life?

Satan: Be Vigilant

1. Read the passages that Ray referenced about being vigilant (1 Peter 5:8, 9a, Eph. 6:11, 2 Cor. 2:11) and discuss what they teach us.
2. What is so obviously dangerous about "being in the lion's cage" with Satan? What possesses us to drop our guard and on occasionally get in the cage with him?
3. Discuss when you're tempted to believe the lies that Ray discussed (*believe in yourself; be true to yourself; listen to your heart; you do you*).
4. How do you resist those lies? What truths do you use to counteract those lies?

Satan: Be Confident

1. How does God's victory over the enemy give you peace? Think specifically of why this matters with the sin and lies that you particularly struggle with.

2. Where/when have you seen God give you victory over sin and the enemy in your life?

3. What does it look like to mock death and satan? How do you feel about that idea?

4. How/why should hearing testimonies of God at work, saving and transforming people's lives give us confidence?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has never heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion?

How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow him?