

Life Group Homework

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

Let's Get Started:

Jesus' ministry began in a great battle with Satan that lasted forty days (Luke 4:2). As Jesus' ministry neared its end, Satan again attacked Him in the Garden of Gethsemane with such force that the Bible shows us great drops of blood came out of the pores of Jesus' skin (22:44).

1. What do these two accounts in Jesus' ministry life show you about spiritual battles?
2. Was there a time when you thought becoming a new believer would result in fewer problems and spiritual battles?
3. What do you think about this today?
4. What do you think about this statement? ***“As believers grow stronger, so will Satan’s attacks.”***

Let's Dig In:

What do the scriptures below show you about Satan's plans for your life?

1. John 10:10
2. 2 Corinthians 4:4
3. John 8:44
4. Isaiah 30:9-11

5. Psalm 12:4

Everywhere Jesus went, He encountered people who were troubled, tormented, afflicted and held captive by demons. In each case, the demons could not hide in the presence of Jesus. **Why do you think this is?**

Read Mark 5:1-10

In his message, Pastor Jerry indicated nine truths found in these ten verses that help us understand how demons operate. See if you can discover 5 of these as you study the passage.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Read Ephesians 6:12

What do you think about the following statement—and why? *“As Christians, we may know and believe Ephesians 6:12, but we spend more time wrestling against people and circumstances than we do battling the real enemies of darkness.”*

The above scripture reveals four levels of demons Satan dispatches to do his work in our lives. In your own words:

1. Describe the role or the activity of the “rulers” (foot soldiers).

2. Describe the role or the activity of the “authorities” (demonic field marshals).
3. Describe the role or the activity of the “cosmic powers” (world dominators).
4. Describe the role or the activity of the “spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Satan’s war cabinet).

Read Daniel 10:10-21

1. What was Daniel doing when he received his vision?
2. Why did the men who were with Daniel not see the vision as he did?
3. Many scholars believe the man or angel who came to Daniel was an example of what is called a “Christophany.” What is a Christophany?
4. What reason did the man give for coming to Daniel?
5. What reason did the man give why he had not come sooner?

Let’s Live It Out:

As you wrap up share insights that you discovered in Daniel’s story as it relates to:

1. The power of prayer

2. Why some prayers take longer for an answer

3. Persistence in prayer

4. The involvement of angels in the lives of believers

5. No matter how powerful Satan and his demons are, in the end...who wins?