

# The Dark Side of Spirituality

## **AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY IN CHURCH**

Luke 4:31-37

- ▶ The demons **knew Jesus**
- ▶ Jesus had **authority over them**

## **A LOOK INTO THE DARK SIDE**

- ❶ Satan & demons are **created beings**  
Isaiah 14:12-15, Revelation 12:3-10, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
- ❷ They are bound **by time and place**  
Job 1
- ❸ They can't **control your mind**  
1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:13-16
- ❹ They all **lose in the end**  
Revelation 20:7-10

## **HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DARK SIDE**

1 Peter 5:8-9, James 4:7-12, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 John 5:19, 1 John 4:4

- ▶ **Resist & Draw Near**
- ▶ **Be Alert**
- ▶ **Get Prepared**

## TAKING IT HOME

1. When it comes to the spiritual battle, it's a battle we can't win on our own or by depending on our own power. We need God's power. Is there any place in your life that you may be depending on your own power to fight the battle?

Can you think of anything that might be of help to you to depend more on God's power?

2. Looking back at the armor listed in Ephesians 6, is there one of the pieces that you may need to pay more attention to in your life to help you resist temptation?

Prayer Requests:

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 14, 2010

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching on *The Dark Side of Spirituality*, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## MY STORY

1. Looking back at your childhood, how has your view of the devil changed as you've grown up?

Is there anything specific that helped shape your view of the devil when you were young?

2. Was there anything surprising to you about how Mike described who Satan is and what he is capable of doing? If so, what was it?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Knowing our enemy is a big part of the spiritual battle we all fight. As we learn more about the devil, we'll be better prepared to understand his schemes and be able to resist him. What do the following verses tell us about who the devil is and how he likes to operate?

John 8:44

Isaiah 14:12-15

Acts 13:9-10

1 Peter 5:8

What insight from these verses is most helpful to you in fighting the spiritual battle?

2. Since the battle we fight against the devil is "not against flesh and blood" but against spiritual forces, we need to use the right spiritual weapons in our fight. In Ephesians 6:10-18, the Apostle Paul uses the analogy of a Roman soldier suited up in full armor to help us understand what it takes to overcome the schemes of Satan. Read the passage carefully; look at each piece of armor, and in your own words, describe how it protects and why it's important.

Piece Of Armor	Protection It Provides	Why It's Important To Our Christian Life

Can you think of a time or situation where one or more of these "pieces of armor" protected or equipped you in the midst of a tough spiritual battle or attack?

Why do you think Paul ends this passage with such a big emphasis on praying for one another?

3. We heard this weekend that we need to be aware of the devil but not afraid of him. How could the following verses be of encouragement to you to not worry about the devil being too powerful to resist?

Romans 16:20

1 John 4:4

James 4:7