



Watch the Sermon



Read the Scripture



Submit a Prayer Request



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Join a Small Group**



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Opening Questions

Have you ever been to a place where you felt that everyone around you did not know Jesus? Have you ever had an empty, broken-heartedness for others? Was it another country? City?

Read Together

1 John 4:1-6

Big Idea

We are called to be aware, vigilant, discerning and ever-submitting to the Holy Spirit; for we are in a battle.

Discussion Questions

1. "Many people admire Jesus, but that's as far as it goes... just admiration." Why do you think this is? Why does the world have so much trouble with Jesus?
2. When someone says "anti-Christ", "spiritual opposition", "deliverance", etc... What comes to your mind? What is your initial reaction to these words and what they represent?
3. "There is a not so subtle spirit in this world that hates Jesus". What is this spirit of the anti-Christ?
 - a. How does it play out in our culture and society?
 - b. What are overt and obvious ways it presents itself?
 - c. What are subtle ways?
4. "Who is behind this Spirit? Satan. And how does he come after us? Three ways:"
 - a. Matthew 4:3 – Satan is the tempter.
 - i. How does Satan tempt people in our culture and society? Our city? RockPointe?
 - ii. How has Satan tempted you in the past? How is he presently?
 - b. Revelation 12:10 – Satan is the accuser.
 - i. How does Satan accuse? Would does this look like?
 - ii. How has Satan accused you in the past? How is he presently?
 - c. John 8:44 – Satan is the liar.
 - i. How does Satan lie to people in our culture and society? Our city? RockPointe?
 - ii. How has Satan lied to you in the past? How is he presently?

5. How do we watch out? How are we to be on guard? How are we to battle this? How do we prepare?
 - a. 1 John 4:1 – A Caution – We must “test the spirits”. “On spiritual matters be vigilant on how you judge on what is taught... discriminate and judge... don’t believe every pastor, book, counsellor...
 - i. How does this play out practically?
 - ii. Does anyone have experience in this that they can share?
 - b. John 4:2-3 – A Criterion. There are basic criteria to this discriminating. “Examine the content to discover the source”
 - i. What is the primary criterion in this passage?
 - ii. Why is this criterion so important? What’s the big deal about it?
 - iii. What are some teachings that sound Christian, but do not meet this criterion?
 - c. 1 John 4:4 – A Comfort – “The one who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. He is in you! We must listen to him.” Look back at 1st John 3:24 – God’s very Spirit is in us.
 - i. Why is this a comfort? What is it that the Holy Spirit unburdens us with, or comforts us with?
6. Have you ever experienced a moment when the Holy Spirit...
 - a. “Cried out within you in joyful affirmation”? That when someone spoke truth, the Spirit responded within you in this way?
 - b. “Called out in opposition” when you heard a lie?

Prayer

“Going into spiritual battle without scripture is like going to war without a sword”

As a group, read Ephesians 6:10-20. Take some time to discuss the passage.

- What does each piece of “armor” represent?
- Why it is essential to battling spiritual opposition?
- How do we actually “put it on” and wear it?

Pray for one another in those areas where the spirit of the anti-Christ is tempting, accusing and lying. Pray that the Holy Spirit would renew minds and remove opposition.

Pray with and for each other, that we may continually surrender and submit to the Holy Spirit’s power, and that opposition would be removed and placed back in its rightful place of “defeated”.

Thanks Jesus for what He has done and pray in Jesus’ name.