

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Satan's Schemes

Passages: Ephesians 6:10-12

Introduction: Erik Reed was our special guest preacher following his participation as a Lead Conference speaker. Reed serves as the Lead Pastor [The Journey Church](#) in Lebanon, Tennessee. Reed highlighted 6 schemes of the devil we must be aware of so we can stand firm in the faith.

Additional passages: Matthew 10:39, 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:3.

Questions:

1. Erik talked about how Satan is an aggressive enemy and who purposefully plans his attacks against God's people. Is this a new idea for you? If it is not new, but was a good reminder, what stood out from Erik's sermon about Satan's intentional designs to destroy our faith?
2. Erik said one scheme of Satan is to try and undermine the authority of God's Word in our life. How does Satan do this with Adam and Eve in Genesis 3? How about with Jesus in Luke 4?
3. How and when in your life are you prone to saying, "Did God really say?"
4. Reed said another scheme of Satan is to try and isolate us from community. When are you tempted by this unhealthy tendency? What does Hebrews 10:24-25 exhort us to do in place of isolating?
5. Reed said two more schemes of Satan are trying to blind us to sin's consequences and get us to compartmentalize our faith. He talked about Satan's scheme to blind us to the hook in the bait of sin and blind us to the joy of denying ourselves and obeying Christ. In contrast to Satan's lies, Psalm 31:19 says God has abundant goodness stored up for us and Hebrews says that Jesus obeyed because of the joy set before Him (Heb 12:1-2). How is it going with believing that doing God's will satisfies in the long run and choosing that over the temporary pleasure of sin?
6. Another scheme of Satan that Reed mentioned was weaponizing our suffering. Satan will try to get us to question the love of God and/or goodness of God because of our suffering. What suffering have you gone through that could cause you to question God's goodness? How is it going with taking the pain of that suffering to the Lord instead of developing bitterness against Him?
7. What are a couple of action steps that stood out to you from Reed's sermon or this discussion about it?