



SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

Roots of Our Belief: What About Satan?

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Question: Before hearing this sermon how would you have described Satan? What was the source of these ideas? How is your understanding different after hearing it?

Have a few group members take one of the following passages and read it out loud:
Ezekiel 28:14-17 // II Corinthians 4:4 // II Corinthians 10:3-5 // Revelation 20:10

Question: What stuck out to you as you heard these passages read? What do they say about Satan's nature and activities?



Sermon Outline:

Intro: Satan leads us to doubt and question God.

1. Who or What is Satan?
 - a. A created being / cherub / fallen angel / Prince of Demons
 - b. The "Accuser" - Revelation 12:10
 - i. He has three tools – Lust of the Eyes, Lust of the Flesh, Pride of Life (I Jn 2:16)
 - ii. (See Question 1 in the section titled "The Cross" below)
 - c. A Liar
 - i. The Father of Lies / There is NO truth in him (John 8:44)
 - ii. He "blinds the minds" of mankind (II Corinthians 4:4)
 - iii. Example: Read Genesis 3:1
 - d. The Adversary
 - i. Like a lion, looking for someone to devour (I Peter 5:8)
 - ii. Steals, kills, destroys (John 10:10)
2. Why care about Satan?

Sources of Temptation: The World / The Flesh / The Devil
3. What to do about Satan?
 - a. Discipleship Defeats the Devil
 - i. Christ's death and resurrection disarm the Devil (Colossians 2:15)
 - ii. Truth is mentioned 98 times in the New Testament.
The Devil's lies are countered by God's truth.
 - iii. The Devil's weapons wage war against the knowledge of God. God's divinely powered weapons counter this. (II Corinthians 10:3-5)
 - b. Dressed for Success (Ephesians 6:10-17) // Stand Firm (James 4:7)
 - i. Truth – I Timothy 2:3-4
 - ii. Righteousness
 - iii. The Gospel
 - iv. Faith
 - v. Salvation – Helmet – "Take Up" – I Thessalonians 5:8
 - vi. The Word – Hebrews 4:12
 - vii. Satan will be overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of the Christians' Testimony (Revelation 12:11)



The Question:

You might stumble over a word, a verse, a connection to another part of the Bible, or something the pastor says and this is a good time to talk about these things. With every question you ask, try and answer it yourself before bringing it to the group. The deepest and most lasting learning we do sometimes comes when we challenge ourselves to search for an answer to our own question. Stop, pray, ask, and do your best. Then turn to others for the answer or to share how you've grown. **Do you have any questions about this week's topic to bring up with the group?**



The Cross:

We should be constantly thinking about Christ when we read our Bibles and in Small Groups we should be Christ-focused. **Question: How does our understanding of Satan point us to Christ?**

1. Contrast Satan's accusations and condemnations (Revelation 12:10) with those of Christ (Romans 8:1-4 and Romans 8:31-34).
2. Contrast Satan's purpose (John 10:10) with Christ's purpose in that same verse.



The Application:

As we read the Bible and sit under solid biblical teaching our goal is to be transformed into Christ's likeness and become doers of the Word. This happens through applying what we are learning to our daily lives.

We know that Satan is the Father of Lies. He proclaims what is false and distorts what is true.

Question: What lies is he trying to get you to believe? Write them below for reflection this week. Is it a lie about God's character or his care for you? A lie about your past? A lie about your worth and value? A condemnation regarding your sin? Something else?

Question: What does God say about this particular lie? Search his Word and/or ask a fellow believer that you trust about it. Pray for the faith to trust the truth of God rather than a lie.



The Conversation:

Let's become outwardly focused in our faith. As we experience transformation we want to be sharing with those people God has placed around us. There is something from every week we can bring to a conversation. Identify a specific person you might connect with in the next week, and think about a time you could bring this particular truth up with them. It can be a believer or not, the important thing is to be sharing with someone outside of LOC. Write their name down in the Notes section.

These tips and study techniques have been adapted from Marshal Segal's article "Six Question to Ask When Studying the Bible in a Group". <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/six-questions-to-ask-when-studying-the-bible-in-a-group>.

