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2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 2:11

The Bible says he is real

Ezekiel 28:12-17; Isaiah 14:12-16; Genesis 3:1; Revelation 20:10

Jesus calls him the:

- Satan -Luke 10:17-18; Matthew 12:22-45
- Thief -Mark 4:15
- Murderer -John 8:44
- Father of lies -John 8:44
- Ruler of this world -John 12:31,14:30
- Enemy -Matthew 13:38-39

What the enemy offers:

- Deceptive promises
- Divided devotion
Luke 11
- Distorted priorities
- Destructive purposes
John 10:10

Jesus victory over the enemy

- Jesus defeats Satan by destroying and disarming the enemies power
1 John 3:8; Colossians 2:13-15; 1 John 4:4

Jesus invites us to:

- Recognize who is behind what is happening
Mark 8:27-38
- Resist the enemy's lies
- Receive real life through Jesus

Questions/Topics for this week:

1. *What stood out to you most about the biblical identity of the enemy? In what ways have you personally experienced the tactics of the enemy in your life or the lives of those around you?*
2. *In what areas of life do you find it most challenging to maintain undivided devotion to God?*
3. *How does understanding Jesus' victory over the enemy impact your approach to spiritual warfare and daily challenges? What steps can we take individually and as a group to assert the authority we have in Christ over the tactics of the enemy?*

Be Intentional:

Considering the action steps mentioned, how can we practically apply them to our daily lives this week? How can our small group actively support one another in resisting the lies of the enemy and embracing the abundant life offered by Jesus?

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God's Word as you pray for each other.