



Faith and Life Series

To be used in your Life Together Group

Week 4: "Understanding Evil"

Week of February 11, 2018

Welcome

Let's get to know each other. (15 min)

If your group eats together, use this question during your meal:

Q: Who is your favorite "hero" in books or movies?

Worship

Let's enter the presence of God together.
(10-15 min)

Read Isaiah 30:15-18

According to verse 15, where do we find salvation and strength? Why is it so hard for most of us to be still and quiet before God?

Word

Let's interact with God's Word. (40 min)

Read Genesis 1:31

1. This story comes at the end of the creation story. How did God describe the creation He made?

Read Genesis 2:15-17

2. What freedom did God give to the man in these verses?
3. What mandate did God give him?
4. What were the consequences of disobedience?

Read Genesis 3:1-19

5. How did the serpent deceive the woman?

Word

Continued:

6. What were the consequences of eating the fruit?

Read Romans 6:23

7. What does this verse say about the condition we are in and God's remedy?

Read Ephesians 6:10-12

8. What do these verses say about evil?
9. What can we do about evil?

Read Ephesians 6:13-18

10. List the six pieces of armor Paul describes.

Read Romans 12:21

11. What do you think it means to "overcome evil with good"?

Witness

Let's focus on who we can reach out to.
(10 min)

Take time to pray for one another. If you have a larger group, break into groups of four and pray for each other. This week you are encouraged to:

- ◆ Take time every day and pray "on" each piece of armor that is listed in Ephesians 6:13-18. Read that passage and ask God both to equip you and teach you more about each piece.
- ◆ Also, take time to examine and "guard your heart" against hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness, and the like. Ask God to help you forgive others who have hurt you. Ask God to help set you free to overcome evil with good.
- ◆ Focus on the good...whatever is good, whatever is right...make a list of at least 10 things you are thankful for each day!
- ◆ Ask God to open your eyes to where you can overcome evil with good.