



EXPOSING *the* ENEMY

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Focus As Christians, we have an adversary who continuously searches for people he may devour. However, God has given us authority over our enemy through His Word. The Word of God is our solid foundation—our offensive weapon to defeat Satan and a light to expose his traps.

Fun Do you have family members who use favorite sayings that are actually Scripture? Share a favorite memory of a saying and what it means to you.

Review Key Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:8–9; Ephesians 6:10–13; Luke 10:17–20

1. Why is Satan our enemy?

Acts 26:17–18

Prior to salvation, Satan gladly helps people live a life of sin. Once a person becomes a follower of Jesus, Satan becomes their enemy. He is the enemy of Truth, which is Christ Jesus—the Way, the Truth and the Life.

2. Why can Satan defeat some people but not others?

Ephesians 6:13–17; Psalm 119:105,110

Faith in Jesus and His blood makes us *saved*. Faith in God's Word makes us *safe*. We are protected when we live by the Word of God. Those who not only hear the Word but also do what it says will be wise like a person who builds his house on the rock; they will be safe and secure. The Word is also our offensive weapon against the enemy and the light we can use to reveal his traps.

3. How can we protect ourselves against Satan?

2 Thessalonians 2:7–12; Ephesians 2:4–9

We can protect and defend ourselves from the enemy by living a life totally

committed to the Word of God and with faith in God's grace. When we let the words of our mouth conform to God's Word and make our decisions based on His Word, we live in victory over the enemy.

Group Dynamics Idea It's summertime! Plan an outdoor activity with your group outside of your normal meeting time! Visit a zoo, have a cookout, or simply throw a frisbee! Fun and fellowship promote community and friendship within your group.

Discuss

1. Why would some Christians not consider Satan as an active and personal enemy?
2. The sword of the Spirit is another name for the Word of God. It's our offensive weapon against Satan. In what ways have you used the Word of God against the enemy in your own life?
3. Read Ephesians 6:13–17. Discuss the action verbs given in each statement. What is our part and what is God's part in this portion of Scripture?
4. Read Psalm 119:105. How does the Word of God expose the work of the enemy? Do you have any specific examples from your own experience? Share with the group.
5. How can you integrate more of God's Word into your daily life?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Prior to our belief in God, Satan is our advocate.
- Once we submit our life to Christ, Satan becomes our adversary.
- The enemy continuously looks for people he may devour.
- We can stand on the strong foundation of God's Word.
- We can use His Word as an offensive sword against the enemy.
- The Word is a light that exposes the trap of the enemy.
- Commit to living out His Word and relying on God's grace.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank You for Your protection and grace. Thank you for giving us authority over the enemy. Lord, we commit to following Your written Word and

basing our lives, decision-making, marriages, parenting, finances, priorities, and values on it. As the world opposes Your Truth and the enemy continues to lie, we commit ourselves to Your Word afresh and anew. Forgive us where we have failed, and give us a renewed love and passion for Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip When appropriate, share basic principles of the Christian life with group members: prayer, communion, reading God's Word, etc. For example, this week provides a good opportunity to teach group members the value of *speaking* God's Word. Encourage group members to read Psalm 91 out loud to themselves this week and follow up on the results at your next meeting.