

Lighthouse Group: The Devil Against Us

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:8–11

1. The Hunting Lion

Peter describes the devil as a prowling lion looking to devour. How does the metaphor of a predator change how you view your daily temptations compared to viewing them as "simple mistakes"?

Dig Deeper: Does your current prayer life reflect the reality that you have a real enemy, or are you living as if the battle isn't happening?

2. Sober-Minded Discernment

If "the bait" is what makes sin look appealing, how can we better identify the hooks of deception that Satan uses in our specific season of life?

Dig Deeper: What is one area where you have been "spiritually intoxicated"—ignoring warning signs or rationalizing behavior—and how can you exercise sober-mindedness there?

3. External Awareness

Peter commands us to be "watchful." What practical habits or rhythms keep a believer from becoming spiritually careless or distracted?

Dig Deeper: Are there voices, influences, or comforts you are currently tolerating that might be dulling your spiritual alertness?

4. Submission Before Resistance

Why is "submission to God" (James 4:7) the necessary prerequisite for "resisting the devil"? How does this change our strategy from one of willpower to one of dependence?

Dig Deeper: Where in your life are you trying to fight a spiritual battle using your own cleverness or formulas instead of humble surrender to God?

5. Doubting Character

When life is hard, we often ask, "If God is good, why is this happening?" How does interpreting our circumstances through the lens of God's Word, rather than interpreting God through the lens of our circumstances, change our response to suffering?

Dig Deeper: When you are tempted to think God is untrustworthy, which specific promises from Scripture do you need to cling to?

6. The Non Sovereign Devil

How does it provide comfort to know that Satan is not a co-equal rival to God, but a defeated enemy whose actions are never outside of God's sovereign control?

Dig Deeper: How does this truth alter your anxiety levels regarding the state of the world?

7. Victory in Christ

The sermon noted that "Jesus won" (past tense), rather than just "Jesus wins." How does the historical reality of the empty tomb fundamentally change how you face the specific "roaring lion" threats in your own life?

Dig Deeper: If you truly believed the war was already won, what fear would you let go of today?

8. Carry-It-Forward

What's one thing God impressed on you tonight that you want to carry into this week?

Go Deeper

- **Reflect:** Read James 4:6–10. Reflect on how God gives grace to the humble and how that directly aids our resistance against the devil.
- **Equip:** Read Ephesians 6:10–18. Note the armor provided by God. Which piece of the armor do you feel you are currently neglecting?
- **Action:** Write down one specific lie you have been tempted to believe about God’s character this week. Write down the corresponding Truth from Scripture to replace it.