

Weekly Study Guide

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A Beaten Enemy

Things I'd like to remember about today's message...

Daily Readings

Monday

Revelation 8:6-13

Thursday

Revelation 11:1-14

Tuesday

Revelation 9:1-20

Friday

Revelation 11:15-19

Wednesday

Revelation 10:1-11

Saturday

Revelation 12:1-6

Regular habits of private Bible reading strengthen our relationship with God and teach us how to follow Jesus. In addition to the thematic exercise above, you can use this guide each week to lead you through relevant sections of the Bible.

Group Discussion Guide

CONNECT

Take time to hear about each other's last week; share something that was life-giving, and something that was difficult.

LEARN AND APPLY

The book of Revelation reveals that our world is characterized by real spiritual conflict, that there is a battle between God and Satan, and that we humans are engaged in that battle.

- Is this easy or difficult for you to believe? Why?
- Some Christians make the mistake of imagining that Satan is behind every little challenge in life. Some make the mistake of being blind to spiritual evil at all. Which mistake are you more likely to make? What is the risk of that mistake?

Revelation 12 describes Satan symbolically as a dragon. He rages fiercely against the people of God, not because he is invincible, but because he is vulnerable. He is losing, and his days are numbered.

- What does this truth say to us in our suffering?
- What does this truth say to you if you are battling against injustice or evil in the world?

Consider your own participation in the spiritual conflict of this world.

- Do you think the spiritual forces of evil might be attacking you somehow? Where or how do you think this is true?
- What sorts of effects do you think Satan would like to have in the world or the church?
- Do you think you might ever be working against God's good for the world instead of for it? How, and how might you change that?

PRAY AND APPLY

As a group, pray for spiritual health and healing in each others' lives and relationships. Include asking for protection from the evil one using Jesus' prayer in John 17:9-18.