

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

What is your favorite battle scene from a movie you have watched? Describe the “good guys” and the “bad guys” or enemies in that scene? What was the battle over? Who won?

Digging In

Read Revelation 12

Pastor Jeff describes the people who are in this “drama.”

- **Women** = Israel
- **Dragon** = Satan
- **Child** = the Messiah, Jesus
- **Michael** = Arch Angel
- **Offspring** = Jew and Gentile Christ Followers

Question 1: Pastor Jeff describes the characteristics of the “Enemy of God,” the dragon in Revelation 12. We see throughout Scripture that Satan was:

- Originally created as an Angel (**Ezekiel 28:14**)
- “I Will” statements and sin of pride (**Isaiah 14:13-14**)
- Cast out of Heaven (**Isaiah 14, Luke 10:18**)

After looking at some of those characteristics of who Satan is, what does this teach you about sin?

Question 2: The second half of characteristics used to describe the “Enemy of God” are:

- 1/3 of angels rebelled with Satan (**Revelation 12:4**)
- God of this “age” (**2 Corinthians 4:4**)
- Power over world and systems (**1 John 2:19**)
- Mission to steal/kill/destroy (**John 10:10**)

How do you see some of these characteristics of Satan in our world today? How have you seen the effects of sin ruin people's lives?

Question 3: Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. These verses describe Satan's action plan while on the earth and our response as Christians. One of the things Peter calls us to do is to be “sober-minded and watchful.” How are you watchful in your own life as it relates to your adversary? How do you stand firm in your faith? What are practical ways to do these things?

Question 4: Read Colossians 2:13-15. These verses show God's ultimate plan to deal with Satan and the effects of sin on this world. How does Satan continue to try to accuse you of your sin? How has Satan used shame in your life as a Christian to cripple your faith?

What did God do with the shame that Satan uses against us and our sin?

Taking it Home

Victory through Christ has been achieved. How is your life this week representing that victory? How are you reminding yourself of the victory you have through Christ?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?