



STUDY THROUGH 1 JOHN WEEK EIGHT | MADE FOR VICTORY

 GOD HAS MADE YOU TO BE A PART OF HIS ETERNAL FAMILY

THE BIBLE ENABLES YOU TO APPRECIATE GOD'S CHURCH AND EXPERIENCE HER THE WAY HE INTENDED.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

"ONE REASON WHY CHRISTIANS AREN'T VICTORIOUS OVER THE ENEMY IS BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO RECOGNIZE WHEN HE IS AT WORK.."

DEREK NEIDER

When's the last time you heard an evangelist call people to Christ by saying, "Come to Jesus and you will become a target for Satan!" Probably not lately, but it's true. The minute you trusted in Christ as your Savior you became the enemy of Satan. And I would say, better to be an enemy of Satan than to be an enemy of God. Satan is in fact at work in this world seeking to deceive people, Christians included, and turn them away from God. John gives us the key to see through that deception and he reminds us of something very important, that greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Let me remind you, while you should realize that the adversary is a formidable foe, you don't have to cower in fear or run for the hills. Why? Because God is in you and God is greater than your enemy. In fact, the Greek word for greater is megas. God is mega-mighty, mega-strong, mega-wise, mega-loving. Remind yourself of that truth this week and remember as you do, you have already overcome through your faith in Jesus Christ.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment to share about how grateful you are to have God on your side. Pray as a group for God's continued protection over each other.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

- **The Devil has an organized strategy to undermine God's work in your life. As you consider your life what would you say are the weak spots that the devil is seeking to exploit? How can you trust God for the victory?**
- **The key to overcoming the adversary is drawing near to God. Describe what that looks like for you and how you can even draw near to God more. Be specific and strategic with your plan**

"GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." THEREFORE SUBMIT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU. DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU."

JAMES 4:6-8



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"BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT; BECAUSE YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL WALKS ABOUT LIKE A ROARING LION, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR. RESIST HIM, STEADFAST IN THE FAITH."

1 Peter 5:8

- When Jesus battled Satan in the wilderness, three times he turned to the Word of God (Matthew 4). He said, "It is written". How can you lean on God's word in the midst of the spiritual battle? How does knowing God's word help you to overcome?
- What are some specific areas of temptation that you're dealing with right now? Find Scripture verses that specifically address that temptation, write them down and commit them to memory.



REACH 5 MIN.

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how can you apply what you've learned to be victorious in the spiritual battle?

Pray about one area of victory in your life and pray for one area of victory in someone else's life.

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how God used you to bring light into someone's life.

