



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

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## Community Group Material:

*Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:11; 2 Cor. 2:11; Luke 4:1~13*

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

### Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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### Sermon Summary:

Most of us are quite aware of our weaknesses & vulnerabilities, our insecurities & fears. But, I wonder if we have put it together yet that these are also where the devil often aims his attack? His attacks are carefully designed to attack our weak points and others at their weak points. He did exactly the same thing to Jesus in the wilderness (Lk. 4:1~13). He didn't use the typical temptations to lure him into sin: sex, power & money. Rather, he tempted him with very real things to him, things that he could do, but chose not to.

How then do we stand against the schemes of the devil? God has given us his word so we can understand his will and the direction he would like us to take. We need to take it in each day. We have the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:11). We have to learn to remain in its effectiveness. We have the

helmet of salvation (Eph. 6:16b, 17a) with which we can protect our minds. And, we have the name of Jesus (Phil. 2:10, 11). We need to hide ourselves in that victorious name by speaking it, breathing it & relying on it for strength.

### Discussion:

1. Priscilla Shirer says, "The evil temptations that appeal to your specific desires are not accidental. The discord & disharmony that threaten your most valuable relationships are not coincidental. The temptations that tug at you during your weakest moments are not uncalculated...They are [the devil's] deceptive tactics,...specifically designed and personalized to keep you from experiencing abundant life." Discuss how this understanding helps you in your Christian walk.
2. Knowing that Satan loves to tailor his attacks against you, and knowing that in his office there is a file with your name on it, how do you find that he attacks you?
3. Why did the devil tempt Jesus the way he did? What was he trying to get Jesus to do?
4. How has God's word & the blood of the Lamb helped you as the devil accused you?
5. What kinds of thoughts do you find that typically trip you up in your walk? How does the helmet of salvation metaphor help you?
6. How have you found the name of Jesus helps you in spiritual warfare?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for a greater awareness of Satan's specific attacks on you & a more spiritual response.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.