

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Up to now, what have been your thoughts/beliefs about Satan? Do you think about his impact very much? What is your level of daily awareness of a spiritual battle? Share with the group your “take” on Satan’s (or evil’s) impact on you or on this world.
- As you think about your own life, and what you’re dealing with right now, does your perspective about the cause of this pain shift at all after hearing the message? Share your thoughts around this idea that Satan is involved in the hard things you’re going through.
- Jesus described Satan as a “thief who comes only to steal and kill and destroy” ([John 10:10](#)). In your life right now, where are you experiencing something being stolen (joy, focus, time)? Where do you see destruction (in relationships, mental health, finances)? What subtle ways do you believe the enemy causes additional damage or pain, in already difficult situations?
- We talked about fighting from a place of victory...being confident that through Jesus we have already won. But this can be so challenging! We identified 3 things that might prevent you from doing this. Take time to go through each one as a group. Identify which one you sense you should be focusing on right now. Why?
 - Mistakenly believing God is causing the problem/pain/struggle.
 - Ignoring the vulnerable places where you are most prone to be attacked.
 - Disregarding the authority you have through Jesus, over Satan and evil.
- Now, having identified which of the 3 is most relevant to each person, take time as a group to process with each other and help each other strategize for how to move toward a posture of victory instead. It might be helpful to start with all those who have identified the first area, and discuss that together. Then move on to those who think they might need to assess their vulnerabilities. Then, finally, support those who are contemplating what it looks like to exercise their Jesus-given authority. (By the end of this time, each person should have some clear next steps for themselves.)
- As a closing, [read Psalm 91 together](#). You might want to take turns reading the verses “over” each other, or you might want to have the leader read it. No matter how you decide to do it, find a way to “receive” this Psalm that speaks of God’s covering, His protection and His care for you.