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Mark 3:20-35

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2. He has really been defeated
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## Discussion Questions - Week #10

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, “Is Jesus Crazy?” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

### GETTING STARTED

► On a scale of 1-10, how much do you think about the supernatural (angels, demons, Satan)? Explain.

► Growing up, what did you believe about Satan, and where did those ideas come from?

► God is continually at work in our lives as followers of Jesus (Philippians 1:6). As you look back on this quarter, what are some things you're thankful for in your life and your Life Group experience? (It can be a specific way God encouraged you, time spent together in your group, how your group has helped you to continue to live your life for Jesus, something new you learned, a service project, spiritual breakthrough, or anything else.)

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. As we heard in the message this weekend, Satan is real and out to destroy us. As we learn from the gospels, the apostle Peter was quite familiar with Satan's attacks. Read the following passage from 1 Peter 5:8-11. How would a prowling lion outside your door impact your day?

Do you think you should take the devil prowling outside your door with the same degree of seriousness as would an actual lion? Why or why not?

Would you characterize yourself as being alert to the enemies' schemes?

What tools do you think God provides us with to resist the enemy?

2. Mark chapter three makes it clear that Jesus is the one who binds the strong man (Satan) and not us. Yet, in Paul's letters, he emphasizes that we are also participants in this spiritual battle. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Do you think knowing the war has been won should impact how we fight?

Do you believe it is possible to opt out of the war and sit safely on the sidelines?

What are the weapons with which we are to fight?

Where do you think we fight this battle about which Paul speaks?

Is this the only battleground?

How might you use the weapons God has equipped you with to fight an offensive battle and not a defensive one only?

### For Practice

As this is the last Life Group meeting for the Fall quarter, take some time this week to think through what Spiritual practices have been particularly formative over the previous few months and which you would like to carry forward or initiate in the new year. This is also a great time to embrace the spiritual practice of celebration as you thank God for demonstrating himself faithful over the last several months or more.

### SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

During this final meeting, take some time to share where you've seen God answer prayer, and then share with your group any areas you would like them to pray for through the Holiday season.