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## What's True About The Devil?

- The Devil Is \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ is his favorite strategy

## How Do We Overcome The Devil's Influence?

- By understanding \_\_\_\_\_

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.”

Ephesians 6:11

“...in order that Satan might not outwit us.

For we are not unaware of his schemes.”

2 Corinthians 2:11

- By using spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 6:12

“Put on the full armor of God . . . the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. . . the shield of faith . . . salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Ephesians 6:11-17

- By not being \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_  
“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”  
1 Peter 5:8

## MEMORY VERSE

“If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?”

Romans 8:31-32

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Recommended Resource: [The Strategy Of Satan](#) by Warren Wiersbe

## MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Ask God to open my eyes to the reality of spiritual warfare
- Use spiritual weapons for spiritual battles and download the YouVersion Bible app
- Memorize Romans 8:31-32
- Commit to attend (as much as possible) each week of “*The Devil Made Me Do It*” teaching series
- Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life group this week



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## Discussion Questions - Week #4

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Satan's Schemes," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking at your notes from the weekend, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### GETTING STARTED

This weekend Pastor Rick reminded us that lots of things affect our lives that we can't detect. There is the microbial world where bacteria and viruses can cause sickness without us ever physically seeing them. The same is true in the spiritual world where there are unseen enemies that seek to destroy us.

- On a scale of 1-10, how much of a "germaphobe" (concerned about cleanliness, bacteria, and germs) are you? Explain.
- 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 the devil and where did those ideas come from?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. As we heard in the message this weekend, the Devil is real and out to destroy us. The apostle Peter was quite familiar with his attacks. Read the following passage from his letter in 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. Read 2 Kings 6:8-23. What did you find compelling about this passage?

What questions does this passage raise with you?

What can you learn from it about the spiritual realm?

Beyond being surrounded by horses and chariots and flaming hills, how do you know when you're in the midst of a spiritual battle?

3. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, the Apostle Paul encouraged us that we have been equipped and empowered for the battle in which we find ourselves. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Do you think it's 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?

### TAKING IT HOME

☞ What do you need to do, continue doing or stop doing this week to overcome the devil's influence in your life?

☞ How can the group be praying for you as you head out onto the battlefield this week?

### PRAYER REQUESTS