



Enemy - Week 1

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Chance is beginning a new series titled 'Enemy'. We all love action movies because we feel like we can relate to the hero. But in order for there to be a hero, there has to be an enemy. None of us want to be the enemy, but we all want to be the hero.

In this series we will look at the enemies that we face, and how God in his grace provided for us to be able to deal with those enemies by trusting in His Son.

Questions:

1. Who do you think of when you think of enemies? Who do you see as your enemy? Your boss? Your family? The government? Someone who cut you off in traffic? Your pastor, your church? Don't we all do this at times? Why do you see these individuals as your enemies?
2. Do you ever think of yourself as anyone's enemy? As a Christian do you think that you are never the enemy? Do you ever lose sight of the truth about yourself? Maybe you are often your own worst enemy?
3. Do you tend to forget that you were once the enemy of God, and that you were utterly weak & completely helpless to do anything about it until the real hero stepped in & saved you? Do you remember back then when you needed someone to save you? Have you ever paused to consider the reality of what Christ provided for you? Romans 5:6-7

4. How important is it when you see 'But God...' in scripture? What changed your situation so dramatically? How does this demonstrate how much God loves you? Do you only think about salvation as it relates to eternity, but can Jesus also change the reality of your life today?
Romans 5:8-9
5. Why can you be certain of your salvation? How would you describe your relationship with God, do you rejoice in your friendship with God? What does it mean to be a friend of God? What could that mean for your daily life now? Romans 5:10-11
6. What does it mean to have 'right standing' with God? Why is it so important that God's wonderful grace rules now instead of the law? How does that change your outlook on life this side of eternity?
Romans 5:20-22
7. How do you know that even with this wonderful news of God's grace you will still face opposition? What do you do when your enemies start to rise up? How can you prepare to face opposition?

Key Takeaway: *You were once the enemy of God, but God... provided a way for you to have a right standing with Him and to be called a friend of God. Can you spend time this week thanking God for stepping in on your behalf? Can you name the enemy that you have been facing recently?*

Summary:

- Anyone or anything can become the enemy to us
- We see others as the enemy, we forget to look at ourselves
- We forget that we were once enemies of God, we were helpless
- But God... had different plans for us than we could imagine
- We have hope even in our sin & brokenness
- Because of His grace we now have right standing with God
- But, this doesn't mean that we won't face opposition