



Enemy - Week 4

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Chance is concluding 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.

This week Chance leads us to look at who the real enemy is that we all face, and how we can best confront that enemy. The enemies that you face aren't the real enemy, there is an enemy that wants only to kill and destroy you.

Questions:

1. Is it encouraging that the real enemy that you face is not flesh and blood? Does it change your perspective to know that there is someone who is scheming against you constantly? How would you describe the devil, what is he like, who is he? Do you see him like he really is? Ephesians 6:10-11
2. Why is it such a challenge that 'evil rarely looks evil until it accomplishes its goal'? How can you recognize or know what is evil? Are you aware of the evil constantly working against you? Why do you need to remember that Satan's goal is to destroy you? Do you know the real battle that you face? Ephesians 6:12
3. How can you have confidence in all the ways that God protects you from evil? What is required for you to put on 'all' of God's armor? What are the components of God's armor and how do they protect you from evil? Do you know what God's armor really is and how strong it is?

- Belt = truth of God's righteousness
 - Shoes = confidence that you are saved
 - Shield = believe God will protect you
 - Helmet = God's salvation
 - Sword = God's Word to attack your enemy
- Ephesians 6:14-17

4. What does it look like to humble yourself under God's power? Why should you stay humble and trust in God's power vs your own power (or any other power)? As you face the real enemy, why is it important for you to stay humble and recognize who God really is? 1 Peter 5:6-7
5. Why is it critical for you to stay alert for the ways that you will be attacked? Why is the image of a roaring lion appropriate? How does it help for you to know that all the other believers are dealing with the same kind of attacks and suffering that you are from your great enemy? 1 Peter 5:8-9
6. How valuable is it to know that the enemy will never get the final word as to your destination and any pain you endure is only temporary? How important is eternal glory as you deal with the attacks and suffering of this world? 1 Peter 5:10-11
7. How do you stand firm in who God says that you are? How can you know who God says that you are? Are you rooted in His Word? Do you have a firm foundation?

Key Takeaway: *Be prepared for the attacks of your enemy. stay humble, stay alert, stand firm. Don't forget who you are and that you have been bought with a price.*

Summary:

- The real enemy isn't flesh and blood
- Stay humble, Evil rarely looks evil
- We should have confidence in all the ways God protects us
- In comparison to God nothing has power
- Stay alert, Satan's mission is to destroy you, like a lion would
- The enemy will never get the final word
- Stand firm, in who God says that you are...