INVISIBLE: Invisible Enemy

Pastor Derek Sanford

June 2, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Tell about a time in your life where it was important to know your opponent.
3. Read **1 John 5:19** and **1 John 4:4**. How can we keep from overestimating or underestimating Satan? What methods have you used? How can you as a group support each other?
4. Read **Genesis 3:15**. See if anyone in the group remembers the fancy name theologians give for this verse (*proto-evanglium* or “the first gospel”). Have group members give a standing “O” for anyone who comes up with the correct term.
5. Read **Revelation 12:17**. We are quick to acknowledge how Satan is working in the world around us but have the group members describe how Satan is warring in their life.
6. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:17-18**. Satan wants to hinder Gods work in your life, your families, Grace Church and our missionaries.
7. Read **Genesis 3:1-6** and look in the text for ways Satan goes about his lie with Eve.
8. Assign members to read the following verses one after the other. After each verse is read have the whole group say together, “Victory belongs to the Lord.” Don’t be afraid to shout it out like you are at a sporting event. **1 John 3:8, Hebrews 2:14, Colossians 2:15, Mark 3:27, Revelation 20:10**

**Prayer Thought:** Read **1 Thessalonians 2:17-18**. Satan wants to hinder God’s work in your life, your family, Life Group, in Grace Church and our missionaries. Pray that Satan would be defeated as God gives you victory through Jesus who loved us, died and arose from the dead .

**Suggested Memory Verse:** **John 8:44** *He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

**Suggested Series Resources:**

1. “The Satan and Demons” and “The Holy Spirit” from TheBibleProject.com
2. “Cheat Sheet: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit” from SmallGroups.com

INVISIBLE: Invisible Ally

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June 9, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **John 16:5-11**. In what ways is having the Holy Spirit in you more advantageous than having Jesus beside you? How can you be more conscious of specific ways the Holy Spirit works in your life?
3. Read **Psalm 139:7-10** and **1 Corinthians 2:10-13.**  What do these passages tell you about the Holy Spirit? Read **Ephesians 4:30** and talk about some ways you can grieve or hurt the Holy Spirit.
4. Read **John 15:26-27** and **Romans 8:12-17 & 26-27**. The Holy Spirit is our *parakletos* (mentor.) What functions of a mentor do you see in these verses? How have you seen the Holy Spirit work in these ways in your life this week?
5. Read **Galatians 5:16-26**. How can you “walk in the Spirit?” Look at the list of qualities of the fruit of the Spirit in **Galatians 5:22,23**. Do you exhibit these qualities more than those who don’t follow Jesus? How does walking in the Spirit develop this fruit in your life?
6. Read **Ephesians 5:15-20.** What does it look like to be “under the influence” of the Holy Spirit? How does ‘being wise in how you walk (live)’ relate to being filled with the Holy Spirit?

**Next Steps**:

1. ASK God to make each day an adventure in the Spirit and constantly ask the Spirit, “What do you want me to do?”
2. YES—determine to say “yes” to the Spirit’s promptings. As a group, how can you support and encourage one another to do this?

**Prayer Thought:** Pray to the Holy Spirit following the ACTS method. First take some time to ADORE the Holy Spirit for who he is. Then silently CONFESS ways you have grieved the Holy Spirit and ask forgiveness. Next THANK the Holy Spirit for his work in your life and SAY WHAT YOU NEED and ask him to develop fruit in your life and show you what he wants you to do.

**Suggested Memory Verse: Romans 8:14 *“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”***

INVISIBLE: Invisible Guidance

Pastor Derek Sanford

June 16, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. The big idea from the sermon is that *God still speaks TO us and THROUGH us*. **Read** **Romans 8:11 and John 14:26**, what do both of these passages tell us about God’s presence in our lives? If you do a quick inventory of where you are at spiritually right now, are you living in the fullness of these words?
3. Pastor Derek says God speaks TO us when we make time and space. Read: **Luke 5:16, Acts 1:14, Hebrews 4:12** how do these scriptures set an example for where we should go to hear from God?
4. Think about a time in your life where you heard/felt God speaking to you (maybe in a nudge, or through someone else), what did it “sound like”? How did you determine it was from God rather than your own voice?
5. **Read Hosea 6:3**. In his sermon Pastor Derek teaches that if we want to hear from God we have to invest in a relationship with Him. Practically speaking, what does it look like to “press on in to God” in your everyday life.
6. **Read Romans 12:2**. What happens when our mind is renewed? In today’s society we are bombarded by noise and secular influences. How can “what is good and acceptable and perfect” be louder than everything else? If you’re being honest, which volume is louder in your life right now – the Truth? Or the “things of this world”?

**Next Steps**: Take a moment and think of one way you can “press in to God” in the next week or two, if you feel comfortable, share with the group what you plan to do. Think of a way to keep each other accountable to be consistent with the specific action you mentioned.

**Prayer Thought**: Spread out across the space you’re in and spend a few minutes in silent, reflective prayer. Confess the areas in your life where you haven’t listened, or where you haven’t spent enough time with God. Ask Him to quiet the noise in your life that keeps you from listening Ask Him to open your heart to His promptings for your life and those around you.

INVISIBLE: Invisible Power

Kristin Hesch

June 23, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **2 Peter 1:3.** What is God’s purpose in giving us the Holy Spirit’s power to live a godly life?
3. How does knowing God impact living a godly life? What are some challenges to knowing God better?
4. Read **Galatians 5: 16-26**. List the works of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit.
5. How have you experienced that the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit and vice versa?
6. What does it look like to live out verse 24, to crucify the flesh?
7. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s power transforming you to live a godly life?
8. Read **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**. How does Paul describe his experiences talking about Jesus with the Corinthians? What message does he share?
9. What motivates you to share your faith with others? Share an experience where the Holy Spirit helped you to talk about your faith.

**Next Steps:** Decide together to memorize a few verses that will help you share your faith. If you’re up for it, check out the Topical Memory System from the Navigators (<https://www.navigators.org/resource/topical-memory-system/>)

**Prayer Thought:** Pray in partners for each person to experience the power of the Holy Spirit Spirit to live a godly life and to help them to share their faith.

INVISIBLE: Sunday in the Park

Pastor Derek Sanford

June 30, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Ask the group to share their experience of Sunday in the park. Did anyone bring a friend? Did someone get baptized?
2. Read **Hebrews 8:1-39** out loud together.
	1. Look for all the references to the Spirit in this chapter (do this all together or divide the chapter into chunks and assigns chunks to individuals/small groups)
	2. What do you learn about the Spirit from Hebrews chapter 8?
3. Lead your group in a discussion of all the things they have learned about the Spirit through the Invisible sermon series and the reading of Hebrews 8. Follow the discussion with some key questions that will help synthesize all of the information:
	1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
	2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
	3. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
	4. Practically speaking, what does it look like to walk in the Spirit?
		1. How can this group help one another to surrender, to choose life in the Spirit?

**Next Steps:** Have you said YES to Jesus? Are you living in the power of the Spirit?

**Prayer Thought:** Pray for revival in individual hearts (in this group and in people you love). For those who are spiritually tired or dry, ask God to restore the joy of their salvation (Psalm 51:11-12).