



Crosstalk

**Truly Free
Session 1**

6pm-7pm on Thursday
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Greater is HE

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but ... against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. - Ephesians 6:12

Bible study and Group Discussion

1. Tell about one great thing God has done in your life or in the life of someone you know and care about. How did God reveal His presence and power when He did this great thing?

God's power is greater than the power of Satan!

2. **Read 1 John 4:1-4.** In this short passage, John refers to spirits, false prophets, and the antichrist. He is crystal clear that evil spiritual beings are at work today. Tell about how you have seen the enemy at work in the world, your community, or even your life.

3. After acknowledging the very real and present activity of evil and demonic beings, John declares with absolute confidence that "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). How should this spiritual reality impact the way you view the work of the enemy in our world today?

How have you seen the amazing and infinite power of God unleashed against the work of Satan as you have walked on your journey with Jesus?

The promise of being set free from slavery is a promise to be set free completely.

4. **Read Mark 5:1-13.** What do you learn about the reality of the presence and work of demons in this passage?

What do you discover about the power and authority of Jesus in relationship to these evil spiritual beings?

5. There are two views of demons and the spiritual world that are equally dangerous and unhelpful: (1) demons are not real and we do not need to be concerned with them, and (2) demons are behind every struggle, problem, or tough thing we face. What are some of the unhealthy consequences associated with each of these attitudes?

6. What is the difference between discipleship and deliverance? Why is it essential to seek the power of Jesus for deliverance when we are dealing with demonic activity rather than simply trying to be more disciplined?

What possible dangers might Christians face if they are being antagonized by a demon but seek to handle the affliction with their own power?

You can't disciple a demon, and you can't cast out the flesh! — Jack Hayford

7. **Read John 10:1-10.** During the teaching, we saw how a Christian can come under the power of a demon. What does this passage teach about how the enemy seeks to get into our hearts, minds, and lives?

How have you seen him accomplish these things in your life or the lives of people you love?

We will never get free if we don't know we're in bondage in the first place.

8. None of us would ever peek our front window, see a burglar standing at the front door, and go unlock it. We would certainly never open the door and invite the thief inside. But in a spiritual sense, this is exactly what we do with demonic influences. What are some of the ways Christians open the door of their lives to the work and ways of the enemy?

What can be done to shut the door and keep it tightly locked?

9. **Read Matthew 8:16-17 and Matthew 10:1.** What does the Bible teach about the power of Jesus to cast out demons?

What does the Bible teach about followers of Christ casting out demons in the power of Jesus' name?

10. What is one area of your life in which you feel Satan is most likely to send a demon to come knocking on your door? What can you do to keep the door shut and locked tight?

How can your group members pray for you and encourage you to stand strong against present or future efforts of the enemy to sneak into your life with the intention of stealing, killing, and destroying?

Satan does not have the power to stop you from coming to Jesus.