

Study Guide - Ghostbusters - from 9-16-2018

Key Scriptures: “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

- Matthew 12:26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
- Genesis 50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.
- 2 Kings 6:15-16 And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.
- Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Start Talking:

- How do you feel about the concept that you are actually in a spiritual war? Why do many people simply choose to ignore this? Discuss.
- What are some ways in the past when you may have inadvertently fallen for Satan's ploy and tried to be like God? Be honest. Share.
- Do you think that most people today comprehend that there are only two kingdoms, God's and Satan's, and that everybody supports one of them with every decision, thought, action and feeling? Do you often consider your life decisions as part of one or the other of these kingdoms?
- Read Matthew 12:24-26. How would Christianity be different if Christians were not divided against ourselves? Exactly how are we divided? Discuss.

Start Thinking:

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- Read 2 Kings 6:15. Describe the comfort we can get by having confidence that God's forces are greater than Satan's. Do we always remember this?
- "I ain't 'fraid of no ghost." Read Matthew 10:28. Do you think many Christians fear Satan too much, giving him power that doesn't need to be given? What are some ways Christians can get a reality check about this?

Start Sharing:

- Share a time when you were growing in the Lord, and you perceived Satan's attacks increasing. How can someone prepare for this?
- Pastor Baugh said, "Almost every time Paul went into a new city to preach the gospel, a countermovement sprang up." Describe or define the counter movements against Christianity that exist in America today. Discuss.
- Do you ever consider that when Satan ups his attacks against you that this may be a sign that a great blessing is on your way, or that you are making progress in your walk in God's kingdom? 2 Chronicles 15:7, "But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"

Start Praying:

- "Lord, help us to remember that we are on the winning side of life's war, and that Satan's kingdom will not prevail. Help us live lives that reflect Your kingdom in thought, deed, and spirit."

Start Doing:

- Describe some ways you can reply to someone who does not go to church because he or she was offended by someone in church in the past. Share.

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- What can you do to remember that you are not outnumbered or overpowered by the forces of evil, and that you are on the winning side, never forsaken by Jesus? John 6:37
- After you realize that we are in a spiritual war, write down 1 John 4:4 someplace where you can read it often: “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” Maybe even memorize it!