



Text: John 8:31-47

Big Idea: There is an ongoing fight in the world between good and evil. Secular thinking falls flat because it holds to the view this battle is based on human intellectual deficiency. Scripture teaches that we have an enemy warring against us.

- There is a devil.
- His agenda is to murder.
- His means is deception.
- Spiritual warfare is primarily a fight to believe truth over lies.

Discussion Questions:

1. Devil means slanderer or accuser. Why is important to recognize he exists? Why do you think people try to explain away his existence?
2. How does being in Christ-centered community protect us from believing deceptions? How do you encourage and support each other?
3. Culturally happiness, comfort and safety are our epi-desires. Given that, how has the pandemic challenged you? What are the truths being revealed to you? What are the lies?
4. Complete and discuss the worksheet called “Exposing the Devil’s Strategy & Encountering Truth

Two recommended readings for this series are:

[The Screwtape Letters](#) by C.S. Lewis

[Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate](#) by Jerry Bridges

Exposing the Devil's Strategy & Encountering Truth

<p>1. What's the lie that I'm believing (about God, myself, or the good life)?</p>	<p>2. What's the truth Jesus is calling me to believe (about God, myself, or the good life)?</p>
<p>3. What's the disordered desire of my flesh behind that lie?</p>	<p>4. What's the re-ordered desire of the Spirit for my life?</p>
<p>5. How is this lie normalized in our sinful society?</p>	<p>6. What's Jesus's Kingdom vision of a new normal?</p>

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<p>1. What's the lie that I'm believing (about God, myself, or the good life)?</p> <p>I would be happier if I was married to a different person.</p>	<p>2. What's the truth Jesus is calling me to believe (about God, myself, or the good life)?</p> <p>At some level, all marriages are a bad match. They are opportunities to love someone sacrificially, the way Jesus does, and to grow more like Jesus in all areas of my life.</p>
<p>3. What's the disordered desire of my flesh behind that lie?</p> <p>To have sex with whoever I want, to feel the spark of having chemistry with someone.</p>	<p>4. What's the re-ordered desire of the Spirit for my life?</p> <p>To be faithful and true to the commitment I made and to be formed to Jesus's image for my life.</p>
<p>5. How is this lie normalized in our sinful society?</p> <p>Divorce is normal, there is no fallout, and the most important thing is to be authentic to myself.</p>	<p>6. What's Jesus's Kingdom vision of a new normal?</p> <p>That people who are called to or choose marriage would commit themselves to one person for life, offering health and healing to our society as we reflect Christ-like love to everyone around us.</p>