



## **UNSEEN: PART 4**

*Forrest Jenan – March 6th, 2016*

### **HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)**

1. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.
2. What are some common themes/ideas that come to mind when satan is mentioned? How do you think media (Hollywood) has influenced our perception of satan?

### **HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)**


3. Read *Isaiah 14:12-15*

*Leaders Notes:* A couple of big ideas from the teaching to keep in mind

- Both Ha-satan and Diablos mean the adversary, the accuser, or the prosecutor. The diablos or the satan was the prosecuting attorney in a court of law – one who accuses and says, "You're guilty."
- There are 5 "I-Will" statements in this passage. Why is it important to highlight this in the text? What does it mean for our own "wills" vs. the will of God?
- Read Ezekiel 28:12-17
- How can "pride" play a role in our understanding of Satan?
- How do we respond to the work of Satan in our lives?
- If you are a Jesus follower we are to participate in undoing the evolution of Satan by bringing about the victory of God through our acts of love and kindness. You can only defeat evil through sacrificial love.

### **HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)**

4. God has already won. On the cross, Jesus declared the victory of God. It is not our role to freak out or fight Satan, but to declare the victory of God wherever we are by loving in such a way that evil cannot win. How can we in our individual lives participate in this victory of love?
5. End by praying with one another that God might open our eyes to the ways we as a church can declare his victory to the world through love.

The image is a dark, atmospheric title card for the movie 'UNSEEN'. The word 'UNSEEN' is written in large, white, serif capital letters at the top. Below it, in smaller white capital letters, is the subtitle 'GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS'. The background is a dark, textured blue-grey with some faint, glowing light effects.

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**STUCK? Checkout these helpful quotes:**

*“Much of what comes to pass in history does not reflect God’s will but rather reflects the wills of agents working at cross-purposes with God. The world we live in looks like a war zone because the world is a war zone, and the followers of Jesus have an important role to play in how this conflict unfolds.” – Greg Boyd*

*“One of the key elements in Jesus’ perception of his task was his redefinition of who the real enemy was ... the dark power known in some Old Testament traditions as the satan, the accuser.” – NT Wright*