

Sermon Discussion Questions

Healthy Deliverance – Matt Slocum
28 June 2026
Sermon Text: Colossians 2:8-15

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **physically**, **emotionally**, **mentally**, and **spiritually**. (Physically I feel _____. Emotionally I feel _____. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel _____ **a**bout _____ **b**ecause _____.” (For example, “**I feel frustrated about the sudden change of plans because I rearranged my schedule for a different time.**”)

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Have you ever believed a lie simply because it sounded like the truth? The enemy's greatest weapon isn't power, it's deception. In Colossians 2, Paul reminds us that while the world is filled with competing voices, philosophies, and distractions, Jesus has already disarmed the powers of darkness. The only weapon left is the lie. Our greatest defense is learning to recognize His voice above all the others. This week, Pastor Matt explores what spiritual warfare really looks like in his message, **Healthy Deliverance**. This message will equip you to learn how to stand firm in truth, push back darkness, and live from the victory Jesus has already accomplished. Let's get going and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to consider not “Am I Right”, but instead, “Am I love?” How might your relationships change if you decided to not be right, but instead, be love? Did the Holy Spirit guide you this past week to someone who needed to know they were fearfully and wonderfully made? Did you allow the Holy Spirit to help you restore the dignity God gave them by removing their shame? Were you love to someone?
2. What is something that stood out to you from the message this week?
3. What is the game plan or strategy of the enemy? How does he use it to his advantage? Can you think of any instances in your own life where you have seen and experienced this strategy used against you? How did you react?
4. There are a couple things we need for spiritual warfare deliverance - Radical Humility and Good Theology. What is radical humility and why is it important? How does the account in Genesis 3:1-3 show Eve's pride? What happened as a result of her pride? Compare that with how Jesus lived his life (John 12:49-50). How hard is it for us to live in humility? Why is that?
5. Good theology is essential for spiritual warfare deliverance because it ensures we understand that: 1) The Spiritual World Is Complex; 2) The Powers Of This World Are Dethroned By The Cross and Resurrection; and,

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Do you have any special 4th of July plans?
2. What is your favorite BBQ side dish?
3. What is your favorite soda variety (Coke, Pepsi, ...)?

3) We Replace The Powers As Rulers Over The World Seated With Christ In Heavenly Places

Good theology also expands our understanding of spiritual warfare, and in particular, spiritual beings/powers. Here we can use three buckets to describe spiritual beings/powers:

What Something Is (Ontology)

ie.) Ben Elohim, Ruach, Shadim, Seraphim, Rephaim

What Something Does (Function)

ie.) Cherubim, Malakh/Angel (messenger), Satan/Accuser (adversary)

What Rank Something Has (Status)

ie.) Demon/Daemon, Sar/Prince

How does this information re-shape what you may have been taught or thought about regarding spiritual beings/powers? Why is it important to understand these things?

APPLICATION

How is the enemy engaging you in spiritual warfare right now? How can you use what you learned from this message for healthy spiritual warfare deliverance?

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Faith, Freedom, Family Celebration, 5 July, immediately after the morning service at the New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Hotdogs, games, friends, family, and more.

Kids Camp, 10-2, 8-10 July. Kids ages 4 through outgoing 5th Graders are invited to attend Kids Camp this summer at PowerPlay. Kids will learn about God while having fun with their friends. Camp cost is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, lunch, and an hour of play each day.

The PRESS Summer Youth Retreat, 21-24 July, BOLD conference in KC. Retreat cost is \$350 and is for incoming 6th graders - graduating 12th graders welcome! BOLD is a powerful gathering of students from across the nation who are passionate about pursuing God. Over four days, students will experience passionate worship, impactful messages, powerful moments of prayer, and opportunities to grow deeper in their faith alongside thousands of other young people. Registration deadline is 1 July.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sck84cc>

The Call - Men's Breakfast, 25 July, 9:00-11:00, New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. All men are invited to The Call – Men's Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don't worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

FINAL THOUGHT

The only thing the enemy can do is lie!