



“EMBASSY UNDER FIRE”

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I. The Spiritual Conflict (Luke 11:14-26)

- A. Church as Embassy
- B. Christ as Exorcist
- C. Confronting Evil (cf. Eph. 6)

II. The Saints Charge (Acts 16:16-40)

- A. The darkness (16:16-18)
- B. The drama (16:19-21)
- C. The detention (16:22-24)
- D. The deliverance (16:25–40)

III. The Sobering Conclusions

- A. Let's Get Serious
- B. Letting Go of Stuff
- C. Loving God in Suffering



Transformed by the Truth: Questions for Personal and Group Reflection on the Sunday Sermon and Scripture

Icebreaker: What is your life's scariest experience? Share.

1. Satan is a real spirit being who opposes God and seeks to frustrate His plans and lead His people into rebellion. In the New Testament, Satan appears frequently, especially in the Gospels. He is also known by numerous other designations, among which are the devil (e.g., Matt. 4:1), the tempter (e.g., Matt. 4:3), the accuser (e.g., Rev. 12:10), the prince of demons (e.g., Luke 11:15), and the ruler of this world (e.g., John 12:31). Look up these passages. What do they tell you about Satan and his work?
2. Demons are real spirit beings who are fallen angels under the leadership of Satan who also rebelled against God their creator. Demonism is the activity of demons and demonology is the study of them, for the purpose of knowing the tactics of the enemy (2 Cor 2:11) in order to properly exercise authority over them (Lk 10:19). How does the world's perception of demons differ from the demonology of the Bible? How has the world maybe unbiblically shaped believers today to see the darkness differently than our Scripture does?
3. Demons often lurk in undetected realms. They control and inspire false religion, cults, counterfeit signs, immoral entertainment, false philosophies, etc. Have you ever been in a place or presence of a person(s) where you sensed the presence of demons at work? Share.
4. If your neighbor (who you know fairly well and trust) came frantically knocking on your door one evening and said the following how would you react and what would you feel? "Neighbor, please help me. Please come right now to my house. I felt a dark presence in my house. I was filled with fear. Then I ran to my teen's room and I found her in a trance. She started yelling at me in a deep voice, saying she was not my daughter, but a demon. Please help. If I call the paramedics they will think I am crazy. I know you are a Christian and believe in this stuff, so I thought maybe you could help me. Didn't your Jesus do exorcisms? Please come now and help me!" What would you do and why?
5. Discuss the three concluding points of the sermon. Which challenges you the most personally? Discuss how the gospel deals with these? Share.