



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Do you believe the Devil is real?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Mark 5:1-20. What part of this story jumps out at you?
3. The demons approached Jesus when He was getting out of the boat. Do you think he was expecting a spiritual battle?
  - a. Have you ever felt blindsided by a spiritual attack?
4. When you think about the devil, what thoughts enter your mind? Is he real?
  - a. Have you experienced evil?
  - b. Do you believe in demons?
5. How can we be prepared at all times for a spiritual battle?
6. How does the devil use our personal feelings against us?
7. How do we overemphasize and underemphasize spiritual warfare?
  - a. How do we live in the middle?
8. Please read Genesis 4:1-8.
  - a. What can we learn about the way the devil attacks from this passage?
  - b. Compare with Ephesians 4:27.
9. What does Acts 19:13-16 say about the knowledge demons have about humans?
  - a. Does this concern you?
  - b. How can we be confident that we are a threat to the devil?
10. What do you need to clean out of your house, home, life, and media that is spiritually dark?
11. Please read Ephesians 6:10-18. Where does the strength come from?
  - a. What's the significance of each piece of the armor?
  - b. What happens when one piece is not worn?
  - c. Which piece of the armor are you not wearing every day? Why?



### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- One moment in the presence of Jesus can change your life.
- The most effective spiritual attacks happen when you're not expecting it.
- You have an enemy, the devil, who knows the power of what you tell yourself.
- Your spiritual condition can drive you away from the fellowship of others.
- "Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts..." - C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*
- The devil almost always uses personal attacks.
- There's no name more powerful than the name of Jesus.
- Jesus can deliver anyone from any demonic stronghold.
- Jesus has authority over Satan and his demons.
  - You need to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.
  - Put on the full armor of God.
  - Get rid of anything in your life that is ungodly, evil, or spiritually dark.
  - Resist the devil, every day.
  - Get closer to Jesus.