

PREACHING CURRICULUM

The Devouring Dragon Revelation 12

'...Come on out; and suffer with us for Jesus!...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

What do we need to address or change in our beliefs and our Christian walk so we can stop being surprised by inevitable suffering?

What do the signs described here of the 'child' the 'woman' the 'dragon' and the conflict tell us about the nature of our Christian journey here and now?

How should we react to the knowledge that the heavenly struggle is presently ongoing; not finished or yet to be? What does this passage tell us about our identity?

Why should we neither fear nor ignore the Devil?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

We often strive for comfort, especially in our culture. How does Satan take advantage of this? Has this ever hindered you in ministry?

Can you think back to any lies that the Devil has told you that you have allowed to get a foothold in your life? Do you feel attacked more in your weaknesses or in your strengths? Explain

How can you be more alert and prepared for the inevitable attacks to come along your Christian journey?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Does the truth that 'we are conquerors, and no temptation is stronger than the shed blood of Christ resonate deeply enough in your soul?

Knowing that the devil is absolutely relentless in his pursuit of damning us, what do we need to do on an ongoing basis to invoke God's protection of His own?

How can we try to protect ourselves from 'sneak' attacks by the father of lies?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you commit this week to guarding your heart and mind knowing that you do not need to fear the devil; but also remaining wary not to ignore his ongoing assaults? How can we as a group help one another in this?

Remain steadfast remembering God has victory and always protects His own.