



# LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

## SERIES:

Angels and Demons

## MESSAGE TITLE:

Defeating the Enemy

## MESSAGE DATE:

11/24/2024

## MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Mike emphasizes the importance of understanding our role in spiritual warfare, focusing on the day-to-day struggles we face rather than the extreme scenarios often depicted in scripture. He asserts that if we are in Christ, we have nothing to fear, as true safety comes from being filled with God's presence, rather than simply removing evil from our lives. Ultimately, Pastor Mike encourages believers to actively proclaim the victory Christ has already won, by living as lights in the world and supporting one another in this mission.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Why do you think it's important for us to recognize that our victory over evil comes not just from getting rid of bad things but from filling our lives with the presence of God?

*Pastor Mike emphasized that our victory over evil isn't merely about removing negative influences but rather about being filled with God's presence.*

*In what ways can you actively incorporate God's presence into your daily life to combat spiritual emptiness?*

- 2.) Pastor Mike mentioned that temptation comes from our own flesh rather than external sources like the devil. How does this idea change your perspective on the struggles you face?

*He pointed out that often people blame outside forces, but the root of temptation lies within ourselves.*

*Can you identify specific temptations in your life that you tend to blame on external factors? How can you confront those temptations inwardly?*

- 3.) What steps can you take to ensure that your spiritual life remains 'filled'?

*Pastor Mike used this scripture to illustrate the dangers of remaining spiritually empty and the importance of being filled with God.*

*What practices or habits can you adopt or strengthen to keep your spiritual life actively engaged?*



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- 4.) What does it mean for you to be on the offense in spiritual warfare, and how does knowing that 'the gates of hell will not prevail' affect your mindset?

*Pastor Mike emphasized that believers should view themselves as active participants in God's victory and not just defensive individuals.*

*How can you shift your daily actions and mindset to reflect that you are actively advancing God's kingdom?*

- 5.) What does it look like to be the salt and light of the earth in your daily interactions with others?

*We should be visible examples of God's love in the world and should not hide our light.*

*Can you think of a recent situation where you could have shown God's love or light more effectively? What will you do differently next time?*