

Know Your Enemy (“Battle Plan” week #1)

MAIN POINT:

We do not fight for victory; we fight from victory!

KEY VERSE:

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” – James 4:7

BRING IT UP:

On Sunday, Pastor Nick kicked off our brand new sermon series called Battle Plan. In it, we will be learning about our enemy, the Devil and how we can overcome him through the victory we already have in Christ. This week, Nick taught on the value of knowing our opposition and that we already have victory in Christ. However, this doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be prepared. Along with learning about his origin, we learned about Satan’s strategy to entangle believers and get their focus away from Christ. Satan attacks us every day by attacking us with lies, accusations and pride. Will you live in victory?

- What was your main takeaway from the message Sunday?

TALK IT OVER:

- What would you say are the battles you fight most often?
- In any type of competition, what value is there in studying your opponent? What leverage does that give you?

In week 1 of this series, we learned about Satan’s origin and his plan.

- In what way does Satan’s origin make his temptation more effective?
- What value is there in knowing of his demise? Is there any way his imminent demise makes his temptation more effective?

Satan’s plan involves:

Attacking with lies

- What lies is Satan telling you? Are you believing them?
- In what way can you allow truth to overcome those lies?

Attacking with accusations

- What impact does Nick’s described courtroom scene have on you?

- What value is there in having Jesus as your advocate? Who do you know that needs to know this in their life?

Attacking with pride

- In what way have you experienced pride to be a limiting factor in becoming more like Christ?

WORK IT OUT:

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” – James 4:7

- What are some ways that you can submit yourself to God?
- What boundaries are you going to set up so that you can best resist the devil in your life?