

# What Do We Do About Evil?

## Small Group Study

**Focus Verses:** Mark 1:21-39, John 14:30, Ephesians 6:12-18

**Opening discussion:** How would you define evil? What are the primary characteristics of something that is evil?

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why is Satan referred to as the ruler of this world? (John 14:30).
2. How can we access Jesus' authority when dealing with evil? (Mark 1:21-22)
3. How can you recognize an unclean spirit in a person? (Mark 1:23-26)
4. What methods does Jesus use to cast out unclean spirits? (Mark 1:23-26, Mark 5:1-20, Mark 1:34)
5. What are some ways we can stand against evil with authority? (Mark 1:27)
6. Where and when could you have intimate prayer sessions with God? (Mark 1:35)
7. In what types of communities (sick, mentally ill, poor, etc.) do you feel passionate about helping people who are suffering? (Mark 1:38-39)
8. How can you arm yourself to stand against the rulers of this world and against the spiritual forces of evil? (Ephesians 6:12-13)
9. Where do we find the belt of truth? (Ephesians 6:14)
10. How do you put on the breastplate of righteousness? (Ephesians 6:14)
11. Why should you be prepared to proclaim the gospel of peace? (Ephesians 6:15)
12. How does the shield of faith protect you from the arrows of the evil one? (Ephesians 6:16)
13. Why is salvation like having a helmet? (Ephesians 6:17)
14. In what ways is the word of God like a spiritual sword? (Ephesians 6:17)
15. If you are alert, watching for evil, what should you be looking for? (Ephesians 6:18)
16. How much of an impact do you think it would have on your life if you prayed at all times? (Ephesians 6:18)

**For further growth:** Read Luke 6:17-49. Analyze and reflect on what these passages say about us, and about how we treat others—including our enemies.

### Closing Prayer