

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: It is Finished: the end of Satan's authority!

Passage: various – see below

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Discussion Questions

1. In his Gospel, John describes Satan as 'the prince of this world'. What do we learn about him from these passages (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)?
2. In the talk David suggested that one of Satan's two primary tactics is *deception* (making people doubt, challenge or oppose God's purposes). How is this shown in Mark 8:3-33?
3. His other primary tactic is *accusation* making us aware of being guilty of giving in to his deception! Strangely the weapon he uses is God's law, which although it is good is used as a stick to beat us with and evidence of our failure (see Romans 7:7,8,13). Can you think of examples of how the law might serve that purpose in Satan's hands?
4. In the light of the previous point read Colossians 2:13-15.
 - what has Jesus done with this 'accusing' aspect of God's law? (v14)
 - in what way is this 'disarming the powers and authorities' (v15)?
 - how does Jesus' death as an innocent man become the occasion where the powers are made a 'public spectacle' of (15)?
5. Satan, the great deceiver and accuser, has been expelled from heaven's courts (Revelation 12:10, 12). How does this inform our understanding of John's assertion that 'the whole world is under the control of the evil one' (1 John 5:19)? What evidence do we see of the work of the 'deceiver' and the 'accuser' in our world?
6. Read James 4:4-10. In the middle of this passage James gives the advice that Christians should 'resist the devil, and he will flee from you'. What clues are there in the rest of the passage about what 'resisting the devil' entails (and what other Scriptures might you draw on to answer the question)?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.