



Supernatural: Evil | November 8, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

When we think about evil, we picture the monster under the bed or the goblin hiding around the corner, but the way evil usually plays out in our lives is much more subtle. Evil is often the little, tiny things that start to undo us in minor, seemingly insignificant ways, that lead to bigger things.

Key Verse

Ephesians 6:13-17 (NLT)

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Discussion

Being afraid of the dark, imagining sounds, and dreaming up all sorts of evil lurking is a pretty natural kid thing that follows us into adulthood in different ways. When we think about evil in our lives we often picture big, scary monsters. We usually only see the large, overt picture of evil, but evil is usually much more subtle. It begins as something that is very difficult to see or recognize as evil.

1. What was something that scared your pants off as a kid?
2. Can you draw any comparisons to the fears you had as a kid and how you behave or believe now?

Evil often begins as a whisper—a small bad habit that leads to larger more destructive ones. Evil often shows up in unclear and hard to distinguish ways. When Eve was tempted in the garden, evil showed up by merely asking a question, “Why not?”

3. Can you think of some real world examples when a small “evil” transformed into a much greater one?
4. Can you recall a specific time in your life when “evil” showed up seemingly innocuously?

The Bible tells us that when evil shows up, it is often subtle. It is usually not the scary monster beneath our bed, but rather a small voice that grows into an unruly monster. The good news is that God has equipped us with a bevy of tools to fight evil in our lives. Ephesians 6:13-17 refers to things like “the belt of truth,” “body armor of God’s righteousness,” “shoes of peace,” “shield of faith,” “helmet of salvation,” and “the sword of the Spirit.”

5. How do you think things like truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit can help combat the small stuff from becoming big stuff?
6. What are some ways you can continue (or begin) to use these tools in your life?

What’s Next?

Remember the word “evil” seems like something so big that it will never happen to us. However, like the serpent in the garden, it is much more subtle and can sneak up on us before we know it. This week, search for the places that may be lies in the your life and look for the truth in those situations.