

The Reality of Demonic Power

1 Corinthians 10:18-22

Big idea:

Paul agrees that idols are not real but opens our eyes to the demonic power behind them. Spiritual warfare is the topic.

Connecting

If you could have a super power, what would it be?

Observation

Have you known someone who said they had an encounter with demons? Angels? Did you believe their story? Would you say that Christians in general have a right view of demonic activity? Are they more afraid than they should be? Or not? What is your experience with those you know?

What do you think is the trend in our culture – are we moving toward believing in evil spirits or away?

Understanding

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-22. Sum up what's happening in the chapter.

Read James 4:1-10, especially 2b, 7, and 8. Why is prayer such a key part of our strategy against the enemy?

Read 1 John 3:8; Colossians 2:13 – 15. What does John mean when he says that Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil? How does Jesus do that? What happened at the cross that destroys the enemy?

Read Revelation 12:10; Romans 8:1. What is Satan's one-two punch? How do we use the gospel in our fight against the enemy? Why is it so important against the Accuser?

Living

Read Colossians 1:13, 14. What does it mean that we have been transferred from the domain of darkness? What difference should this make in our lives?

Read 1 John 4:4. What would you say to a Christian who was afraid of demonic activity?

Looking Ahead:

Prayer together:

