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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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# Spiritual Warfare: "Know Your Enemy: Understanding Satan's Tactics"

# **Bible Study Handout**

Spiritual Warfare – Class 2: "Know Your Enemy: Understanding Satan's Tactics" Key Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–12 — "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil..."

#### Class Overview

This class helps believers recognize who the real enemy is, how he operates, and how to guard against his strategies. The first lesson taught that spiritual warfare begins in the mind—this class shows that victory requires identifying your opponent and understanding his methods.

## Learning Objectives

- Distinguish between spiritual and human opposition.
- Identify Satan's most common tactics: deception, division, distraction, and discouragement.
- Recognize areas of vulnerability in their lives.
- Develop biblical confidence in resisting the enemy's attacks.

#### Icebreaker: The Decoy Trap

Have you ever been tricked by something that looked good but wasn't what it seemed? Just like clickbait or a fake deal, Satan uses attractive lies to deceive us.

# Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:10–12

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

#### 1. The Battle Is Spiritual, Not Personal

Our fight isn't against people—it's against spiritual forces working through situations. Satan's goal is to make you misidentify your enemy. If he can get you fighting people, you'll stop fighting him.

Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 10:3–5; John 10:10.

#### 2. Satan's Four Primary Tactics

**A. Deception** — The Lie That Sounds Like Truth (**Genesis 3:1–6**) He deceived Eve with half-truths. The enemy twists Scripture, plants doubt, and distorts God's goodness. The remedy: The Word of Truth.

#### **B. Division** — Divide and Conquer (**Matthew 12:25**)

He attacks unity in families, friendships, and churches. The remedy: Forgiveness, humility, and love.

#### C. Distraction — The Subtle Shift (Luke 10:41–42)

He can't destroy you, so he distracts you from what matters. The remedy: Focus on God's priorities.

#### **D. Discouragement** — The Silent Weight (1 Kings 19)

The enemy whispers, "You're finished." The remedy: Renew your mind through worship and community.

## 3. Standing Strong in the Lord

Victory doesn't come from willpower but from God's power. Put on the whole armor daily—truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. Prayer activates the armor and keeps your communication open with God.

Supporting Scriptures: **Ephesians 6:13–18.** 

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Which of Satan's tactics do you recognize most in your life?
- 2. How can misunderstanding who your enemy is cause unnecessary conflict?
- 3. What part of the armor of God do you need to strengthen most?
- 4. What can you do this week to resist deception or discouragement?

#### Key Takeaway

Awareness is your first weapon. When you know who your enemy is and how he works, you stop reacting emotionally and start responding spiritually.

# **Closing Declaration**

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I stand against the schemes of the enemy. I will not be deceived, divided, distracted, or discouraged. The victory belongs to Jesus—and through Him, I win.

#### Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for revealing the truth about our enemy. Help us see with spiritual eyes and stand firm in Your strength. Protect our minds from deception, our hearts from division, and our spirits from discouragement. Teach us to walk in victory every day, clothed in Your armor. In Jesus' name, Amen.