



## Community Group Discussion Guide

September 29, 2013

### Week 4 - The Reality of Satan

John 8:42-47

Read John 8:42-47 before answering the following questions.

#### Introduction

In this sermon series we're looking at nine of these 'crux of the matter' statements that are made by Jesus about some of life's most critical issues. Issues that have the potential to be life changing for every one of us.

#### Questions for Study

1. How would you describe the role of Satan in our world and in our lives today?
2. As we look at this week's text it is important to understand what has taken place in the verses leading up to today's passage. Read carefully John 8:31-41. Why are the Jews so offended by Jesus and why does Jesus speak with such harsh words towards them?
3. Reread John 8:44. Notice the insights that we get into the reality of who Satan is and what his role is in our lives. How does Jesus refer to Satan? What is Satan's "native language"?
4. As an example of Satan's native language in action, what is Satan doing in Genesis 3:1-4?
5. Spend some time thinking about the common lies that Satan speaks into our hearts and minds.
6. How does Jesus stand in stark contrast to the lies of Satan? What did Jesus say about himself in John 14:6?
7. There are 3 very powerful things that we can use in our battle against the very real attacks of Satan. They are: God's word, God's people, and prayer. How can each of these three things help in our battle against Satan? Read Ephesians 6:10-18.
8. As you think about your own life and the lies that Satan often brings your way, what "truths" in the Scriptures can you find to combat those lies? Challenge: Pick at least one "lie" that Satan frequently uses in your life and find a verse or verses to combat that lie.