

"Epic #3 – Do You Know Your Enemy?*"

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Do you know your enemy?*

Ecclesiastes 7.29, Genesis 3.1-5

Why is it worth our time to talk about Satan?

We can't _____ just because we don't like it.

What do we need to know about Satan?

- 1. Who is this guy? (Revelation 12.7-9, Isaiah 14.12-14)

He was _____ but, because of _____ he declared war on God and was kicked out of heaven.

- 2. What does he do? (Mark 3.23-26, 1 Peter 5.8)

He is _____ the plans of God on earth.

- 3. What's the end of his story? (Colossians 2.15)

It ends with him _____ once and for all by our God.

What practical difference should this make in our lives?

- 1. We need to realize that we live in _____.
- 2. We need to _____ that realization.
- 3. We need to _____, but we do not need to _____.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to look at our world and realize that something has gone wrong. How did it get this bad? And how do we find our way out of this mess? In the weeks leading up to Easter we'll explore the epic story of a good creation gone bad and the price God paid to bring it back to Him. Over the next few weeks we'll tell that story in three chapters by walking together through the Old Testament in order to see what went wrong, what that means for us today, and what God has done to set things right.

EPIC: In the Beginning...

- 2/13: The Foundation
- 2/20: Living The Dream
- 2/27: Do You Know Your Enemy?

EPIC: Broken By Evil

- 3/6: Our Broken Relationship with God
- 3/13: Our Broken Relationship with Ourselves
- 3/20: Our Broken Relationship with Each Other
- 3/27: Our Broken Relationship with the World

EPIC: The Great Rescue

- 4/3: Abraham, the Patriarchs, and the Exodus
- 4/10: The Judges, the Kings, and the Exile
- 4/17: The Life, Ministry, and Death of Jesus (Palm Sunday)
- 4/24: The Resurrection of the Son of God (Easter Sunday)

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*Green Day, "Know Your Enemy", 21st Century Breakdown, Reprise Records, 2009.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- When it comes to our enemy, which of the errors that C.S. Lewis described do you tend to fall into—giving him too much attention or too little? How have you seen that play out in your life or in the lives of others, and what have the results been?
- Mike talked this morning about the importance of addressing things while they are little in order to prevent the devil from “getting a foothold” in our lives? How effectively do you do that—in your life and in the lives of those around you?
- Since we are living in a war zone, what can you do to keep that thought at the forefront of your mind and to let that reality influence the decisions you make?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What do you need to take away from this sermon? What steps do you need to take to apply this to your life today?

Some next steps: Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- Set aside some time this week to read through Ephesians 4-6 and prayerfully invite God to show you areas in your life where the devil may be getting a foothold. As you pray, keep a pen and pencil handy. Write down what you hear God saying to you and make a commitment to act decisively to address those issues.
- Next week Joe will begin to talk about the different ways in which the decisions Adam and Eve made in the garden continue to affect us all. To prepare, read all of Genesis 3.



SERMON NOTES