

Revelation 12 October 13 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, watch a video, and ask two questions (20 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life.

Then, read **Revelation 12**.

After reading, watch the Week 9 life group introductory video on Revelation.

Questions to ask:

- What stands out to you from this passage? From the Week 9 video?
- Obviously, this passage deals a lot with Satan and spiritual warfare. How relevant is the idea that there is a devil and demons to your everyday life?
- What do you think is gained through a recognition of those evil spiritual forces? What is lost without an appropriate recognition of them?

Break into smaller, same-gendered groups for deeper discussion and prayer (30 minutes).

- In the sermon, Emerson shared how Revelation 12 displays the "eternal struggle" the war between Satan and God's people. Take a few moments to look back over your life. When and where have there been times when you feel like you've been caught in the crosshairs of that war? How has that affected you?
- Are there any places, today, where that war is raging on and you're seeing/feeling the effects of it both culturally and personally? Explain.

- Emerson mentioned that one of the ways Satan works is through cultivating evil. But he also
 mentioned that Satan works through lies to bring about our destruction. Take a few
 moments to do a truth vs. lie audit.
 - Are there any lies you're believing about God right now?
 - o Are there any lies you're believing about others right now?
 - o Are there any lies you're believing about yourself right now?
 - Are there any lies you're believing about what "the good life" is right now?
 - Are there any lies you're believing that are leading you to live contrary to God's word right now?

After assessing any lies you might be believing, what truths are you needing to hold onto right now? What passages of Scripture can remind you of these truths?

Once you've taken inventory, share your thoughts with the group. Make this time of sharing as safe as possible. Here, there is no judgment or condemnation. As you end, spend time praying over one another for what is shared.

 Read 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 4:4, and Revelation 12:10-12. Before coming back together as a large group, remind yourselves of the content of these verses. What do these passages say that might bring hope and comfort to you about God's salvation? Which one do you feel yourself needing reminded of most this week? Explain.

Once finished, come back together as a large group.

Come back together as one large group for discussion (10 minutes).

Share with the large group any takeaways or final thoughts from your time apart.

Read James 4:7. How can your group help each other "resist the devil" this coming week?

Split into triads for prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).

Like last week, as you wrap up, split your group into mixed triads. In each triad, have people share their prayer requests. Once each person is finished sharing, each person should then pray for the person on their right until every person in the triad group is prayed for.

Finish with logistics (5 minutes).

Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through our Revelation series! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.