

RESISTANCE

GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop meaningful, lasting relationships with others. Get together with friends, or visit brookwoodchurch.org/groups to find a group that's already meeting. *Let's do life together!*

Message Series: Resistance

Topic: Spiritual Warfare

Message 4: There is Victory

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The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. The spaceship has landed, the doctor has arrived, the general has taken command—mission: search and destroy the works of the devil.

John Piper

Connect

Reflect on and share your responses to either or both of these questions:

What have you found challenging this week?

Describe a time you experienced victory.

Pray

Spend a few minutes quieting your heart and directing your attention toward God.

Consider these prayer points, changing the me/my to us/our if praying in a group.

- God, help me grow in my understanding of spiritual warfare.
- Help me learn how to live in the victory of Jesus.
- Help our group have meaningful conversations about things that really matter.
- Please help me identify at least one specific takeaway from this week's message.
- God, thank you for the ways you work in my life.

Read

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Explore and Discuss

Insight: The phrase *dead in sins* refers to a spiritual state of alienation from God. It means that people are spiritually dead, even if they are physically alive (see Romans 3:23; Colossians 1:21). The *uncircumcision of your flesh* is a term used to describe non-Jewish people who were not part of God's covenant (see Genesis 17:10-12).

1. Have you ever felt spiritually dead? Explain.
2. Have you ever felt like an outsider because of your sin? Explain.
3. According to this passage, what specific things did Jesus do?
4. What do each of these things mean for you personally?
5. How does this passage help you understand why Jesus had to die?
6. What does it mean to be *alive with Christ*?
7. What are you doing to draw life from God?
8. Christ's death and resurrection resulted in the victory of Christ and the saints over Satan. What's the difference between fighting *for* victory and fighting *from* victory?
9. What are ways you can walk in victory?

For Further Study

What do these passages teach you about having victory in Jesus? Jot down some thoughts, and ask God what He wants you to know.

1. Romans 8:31-39
2. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
3. 1 John 3:7-10
4. 1 John 5:4-5

Make a Move

Spend a few minutes in silence and ask God what he wants you to know and remember from this week's study and discussion. Is there an emotion or thought He's stirring in you? Is there a specific step God is leading you to take?

Memorize

One of the best ways to hear God throughout the day is to store His words in your heart and mind.

Based on this week's theme, commit these words of Scripture to memory:

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins.

Colossians 2:13 (NLT)