



NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Propaganda #2 at West Campus- Steve Best

Galatians 5:16-26

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Main Idea: Lie: "The Devil made me do it!" (I cannot live in spiritual victory.)

Icebreaker: Have you ever been caught (maybe as a child) doing something you're not supposed to and tried to point the finger of blame towards someone else? Was your story believed or did you actually convince yourself it was the truth? (Allow group members to share their experiences.)

Study:

The Lie we are looking at today is that I cannot live in spiritual victory because I am caught in a war between God and Satan. Where I am is all the devil's fault.

But in reality there are 3 enemies:

1. **The Devil (Tempter).** He cannot actually make anyone sin, but he is seeking to lure us away.
 - a. What is the difference in wrongly viewing Satan as the cause of your sin vs. rightly viewing him as someone who tempts, lures, and entices us?
 - b. How does understanding this difference affect the way we view and deal with sin in our lives?
2. **The World (Temptation).** This is the bait that the Devil uses to lure us away and tempt us to sin. This world is filled with many temptations.
 - a. What parts of the world tempt you most?
 - b. What strategies can you put in place to steer clear of and fight these temptations?
3. **The Flesh (Tempted).** This is the enemy within. The Devil cannot actually get in unless we open the door to him.
 - a. In what ways do we open the door to temptation?
 - b. In what ways can we slam the door closed?

Application:

How do we fight against the Devil and the World? This is the battlefield within us. Read Galatians 5:16-26 again. Victory is difficult, yet simple:

1. **We live a life of overcoming Victory.** (v.17) We can determine who wins simply through submission to the Holy Spirit.
 - a. Have you ever experienced victory over sin and temptation by submitting to the Holy Spirit's leadership in your life? Could you share that example as a way to encourage your group?
 - b. What does submitting to the Holy Spirit practically look like in your life?
2. **We live a life of Christ-Likeness.** (vs. 22-23) Walking in the Spirit produces a life that looks like Jesus.
 - a. Which fruit of the Spirit is the easiest for you to embody?
 - b. Which fruit of the Spirit is the most difficult for you?

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Have members share how they can specifically be prayed for to better walk in the fruits of the Spirit and to submit to the Holy Spirit as He leads us.