

NEFARIOUS

Nefarious - Week 1

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt begins a new series called Nefarious. How do you feel about spiritual warfare? Are there really demons and the devil and dark forces at work around you or is this all just something you conjured up in your head? Spiritual war is upon you whether you like it or not.

This week in Part 1 we will begin looking at what the Bible has to say about spiritual warfare and how you can achieve victory in this spiritual war, starting with identifying who your enemy really is.

Questions:

1. What are the two mistakes that you can make when it comes to spiritual warfare and dark forces?
Total disbelief - do you pretend that it's not real, or Unhealthy Obsession - do you see a demon behind every door?
2. When it comes to spiritual warfare, is it easy to be confused with who the conflict is against? Do you know who your enemy really is, or do you see each other as the enemy? Why is it important to know who it is that you need to wrestle with? Ephesians 6:12; Acts 19:13-16
3. Are you creeped out by the idea that there are evil spirits around you all the time, and they are working against you? Have you ever had a sense of the undeniable presence of evil, ever been afraid and you couldn't really say why, or have you ever looked in someone's eyes and all you saw was darkness?

4. Who is your enemy? If you agree that in this spiritual war you are in you need to know who your enemy is, what do you know about Satan? Where did he come from? What does the name Satan mean?
5. Is it also important to know what Satan is not? Why is it critical for you to remember that he is NOT Omnipotent, NOT Omnipresent and NOT Omniscient? Do you know that Satan is not as powerful as God? John 8:44
6. Is it also helpful for you to know what Satan is? If he is the Accuser before God, what is it that you need for your defense? What chance do you have against him if he is your Adversary? What impact does it have when Satan accuses you, as 'you are a _____'? Is it foolish to play around with a predator like that? Revelations 12:9-10; John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8
7. Are you ready for the spiritual war that you are in? If you can trust that as a Christian you can't be possessed by a demon, but that a Christian can be oppressed by a demon, what is the only hope that you can have for victory in this spiritual war? Do you just know about Jesus or do you really know Jesus? Do you have His spirit living within you? Colossians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:15

Key Takeaway: *What's the cost of peace? Because of Jesus the war has been won. You can live in victory over the enemy. Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. And it's time for you to live in that truth, it's time for you to fix your eyes on the One who's stronger than your enemy and find victory in Him.*

Summary:

- Total disbelief vs unhealthy obsession
- Wrestle against the enemy
- Who is your enemy?
- What's the enemy's strategy?
- How do you fight against him?
- What he isn't... What he is...
- Who Jesus is...