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# Evil:

## How can I resist evil?

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Discussion Guide has three parts:

- Discussion Questions
- Episode Summary
- Tips & Guidelines for Hosting Discussion

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### Q1

## If you had the power to solve one of the world's big problems, which problem would you solve? Why?

### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- If you had the power to solve one of your school's (or city's) big problems, which would you solve? Why?
- Where do you think you can make the biggest difference in the world?

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### Q2

## What are some common lies we believe about ourselves? About God?

### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- Do you think that people have misconceptions about God? What are some of them?
- Every one of us wrestles with ideas about ourselves (for example, we aren't loved, we aren't good enough, and we're not accepted). How can we learn to identify these ideas as lies and not let them have power in our lives?

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### Q3

## What can people do to fight against evil in the world?

### SUPPORTING QUESTIONS

- How can a group like us make a positive difference in our communities?
- Who is someone you look up to that is impacting the world in positive ways?

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## MORE QUESTIONS

*(Lots of groups leave 10–20 minutes after the episode is done for more conversation.)*

- What did you think about the episode?
- Did anything from the episode stand out to you?
- How is/was your experience on the Alpha Weekend? Did any moment stand out to you?
- Where do you think temptation comes from?
- How do you resist temptation?
- When you give in to temptation, how does it feel?
- How would you describe the devil's tactic of accusation? What are some examples of that?
- What do you think about the idea of 'overcoming evil with good'?
- Did anything stand out to you from Peter and Jassie's description of the armour of God?

# Episode Summary

## BIG IDEA

There are three forces of evil: the world (evil around us); the flesh (evil within us); the devil (spiritual forces of evil). The devil hates God and wants to destroy what's closest to God's heart – us! Three of his primary tactics are temptation, accusation and lies. We can stand firm against the devil's attacks and more than that, with God we can overcome evil with good!

## KEY QUOTES & SCRIPTURES

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**JOHN 10:10 NIV**

Now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

**ROMANS 8:1 NLT**

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**JAMES 4:7-8 ESV**

God 'has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.'

**COLOSSIANS 1:13 NIV**

Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.

**J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S THE HOBBIT**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

**EPHESIANS 6:10-13 NIV**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**ROMANS 12:21**

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR**

Your life can make a real difference.

## Tips & Guidelines for Hosting Discussion

### GUIDELINES FOR THE GROUP

- You don't have to talk if you don't want to
- You can ask or say just about anything  
*(as long as you aren't putting other people down or making it so others can't talk)*
- Respect each other by listening and welcoming different opinions
- Keep things confidential when you leave the group

### TIPS FOR HOSTS & HELPERS

- Remember names
- Pray
- Be committed
- Show up early to welcome guests
- Stay long enough to chat with guests afterwards
- Keep the conversation alive and balanced
- Be encouraging
- End on time
- If time allows, debrief with your Alpha team to celebrate wins, chat about challenges and share prayer requests