

# The Invitation

*Free the Captives (pt 2)*

Various passages

## Launch

Did you grow up praying memorized prayers at meals or bedtime? What were they?

## Explore

**Read Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7**

What are “the devil’s schemes?” How does putting on the full armor of God help us stand against them?

What does it mean to resist the devil? Why does resisting him begin with submission to God?

Why is prayer so vital in spiritual battle?

## Apply

*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils (demons). One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. — C. S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters*

Which of these two errors do you tend to lean toward? Has this changed? Why?

Jeff described the importance of praying specific scripture passages against specific types of demonic influence. How did that sit with you? Have you ever experienced this kind of battle?

Many Christians simply don’t immerse themselves in scripture, so they go into battle empty-handed. What can we do as a church to help change this? What can you do as an individual?

## Pray

Pray that our church would be people of prayer; living lives of submission to God.