

WEEK 5 | THERE IS AN ENEMY

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

In Rooted this week, we are focusing on the spiritual realm. Scripture teaches Satan is the absolute enemy of God, His creation, and His people. The spiritual realm is real, and we are told to be alert to it. If we aren't careful, the enemy can gain a foothold (sometimes called a "stronghold") in our lives, because he wants us to be slaves to our sin. The good news is that Jesus can set us free from our sin-slavery because He has already defeated the enemy!

NOTE

- All readings and devotional questions for this week will be completed in your Rooted Workbook.
- Review the Sharing Strongholds guide on the next page in preparation for your group meeting.

DAILY WORK

Day 1: The Enemy Is Real | Read pages 88-89
Day 2: The Spiritual Realm | Read pages 91-94
Day 3: Tempting, Isn't It | Read pages 96-98
Day 4: The Enemy Within | Read pages 100-102
Day 5: Strongholds | Read pages 104-109

MEMORY VERSE

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear son." – Colossians 1:13

EXTRA RESOURCES

- Gary Johnson, the Creek's former lead pastor, preached a sermon series on how to prepare ourselves to take our stand against the enemy. View the Battle Lines sermon series at thecreek.org/sermons.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

Pause and ask God to show you what is most important for you to pay attention to in today's reading and reflection questions. Ask Him to help you surrender any concern over getting it right and instead focus on what He wants you to learn about who He is and what He wants to show you today.



SHARING STRONGHOLDS

You will be given 3-5 minutes to confess your stronghold in Rooted this coming week (men with men and women with women). The group will use the outline below when confessing strongholds.

Everyone is encouraged to refer to their work from day 5 of this week's devotionals. You may also want to have your Rooted Workbooks handy to reference pages 107-109.

During this experience, we will use the format below. A timer may be used to allow for everyone to share within the allotted group time. Leaders will share first to model the format and set the tone for vulnerability.

Setting it up - Leaders ask who will share next.

Silence - "Let's hold _____ in silence before the Lord. _____ may break the silence when he/she is ready to share." Hold silence.

Sharing - When ready, the person sharing will break the silence and has 5 minutes to respond to the following questions in any way they feel invited.

- What types of strongholds do you struggle with that you identified on Day 5?
- What truth do you need to embrace in order to fight the lie you have believed?
- Would you be willing to read your prayer out loud and replace the lie with your true identity in Christ?

Silence - When the person finishes sharing, or the timer chimes, the group will hold brief silence.

Prayer - The group reads aloud: "Thank you _____ for allowing us to hold your confession."