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CHRISTIANAPHOBIA!

PART
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Wk 4 Point: Don't be afraid, be alert.

Don't forget to make the announcements to your group this week!

Discussion Generators

•What has stood out to you from this week of the Christianaphobia point series? ***(Like the fact of how we get the whole idea of halos and horns from artist.)***

•What are some the toys, games, TV shows, and or movies that you or someone you knew were not allowed to play with or watch when growing up? Why weren't you or they? ***(Leaders keep in mind that were not saying they should or shouldn't have been able to. We're just generating discussion on the topic to get people talking)***

•How would you have described Satan and other demons as a kid? How about **prior** to Sunday's point?

•**Read I Peter 5:8-9 and James 4:7-8.** God is better than a big brother and protects us from Satan and the other demons. There are three things that we are to do in relation to being alert against demons: be on guard, submit to God, and resist the devil.

•**Why** are we to be on guard like Peter writes in I Peter 5:8?

•**What** does submitting to God have to do with defending ourselves against demons?

•**How** are we to resist the devil? **What** example did Jesus set for us in resisting Satan (Matthew 4)?

•There are six things about demons we heard about during the point. Does anyone remember any of them? Let's explore scripture.

1. Demons are fallen angels- read **Jude 1:6**

2. Satan is a demon- read **Matthew 12:24**

3. Demons are not ghosts - read **Leviticus 19:31**

Why do you think God says we would be defiling ourselves by looking to ghosts/demons/mediums ?

4. Demons (or angels) are not "Omni-anything"- there is no scripture that supports neither angels or demons being so

5. Demons "look good"- read **II Corinthians 11:14**

How do you think Satan's "looks" appealed to Eve in Eden?

6. Demons submit to God- read **James 2:19** and **Mark 1:24-27**

•How many of you have ever said “the devil made me do it”? Let’s dig into scripture and look at what we know about sin and who is at the root of it. **Read James 1: 13-14.** Who does James make clear for us, is not the cause of our sin?

•During the point we also heard that sin may be a result of us giving in to temptations from demons, but we definitely know that sin is ultimately the result of our own sin nature. Let’s look at seven different topics and how scripture shows our sin influenced by demonization and the result of our sin nature.

Topic	Demon Influence	Sin Nature
Temptation	Genesis 3; I Corinthians 7:5; Matthew 4:3-10	James 1:14
Divisiveness	I Corinthians 2:5-11; James 3:14-16	James 4:1-2
Hindrance to ministry	I Thessalonians 2:18	II Timothy 4: 14-15
Doctrinal deviation	I Timothy 4: 1-3	II Timothy 4:3
Blindness to truth	I Corinthians 4:4	I Corinthians 2:14
Physical torment or illness	Matthew 9:32	Matthew 4:24
Mental torment or illness	I Samuel 16:14-23	II Corinthians 1:8

•Read Romans 7:18-19, 24-25. How do you relate to what Paul is writing in these verses?

•The fear we often have of Satan and other demons give them too much credit and God not near enough. We started out by discussing what we may have once thought about Satan and demons prior to the point. Has your point of view and understanding changed at all since the point? How, if so? How do we eliminate any fears that we may have in relation to Satan and demons and do you think we should invest much time in studying about them? Why or why not?

Bible Verses

James 4: 7-8 (NIV):

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

I Peter 5:8-9 (NIV):

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Jude 1:6 (NIV):

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Matthew 12:24 (NIV):

But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."

Leviticus 19:31(NLT):

Do not defile yourselves by turning to mediums or to those who consult the spirits of the dead. I am the lord your God.

II Corinthians 11:14 (NIV):

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

James 2:19 (NIV):

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Mark 1:24-27(NIV):

"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."

Romans 7:18-19, 24-25 (NLT):

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway...Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.