

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- C. S. Lewis - *The Screwtape Letters* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")
- Karl Payne - *Spiritual Warfare: Christians, Demonization, and Deliverance*
- Jack Deere - *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*
- Greg Boyd - *God at War: The Bible & Spiritual Conflict*
- Chip Ingram - *The Invisible War: What Every Believer Needs to Know about Satan, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

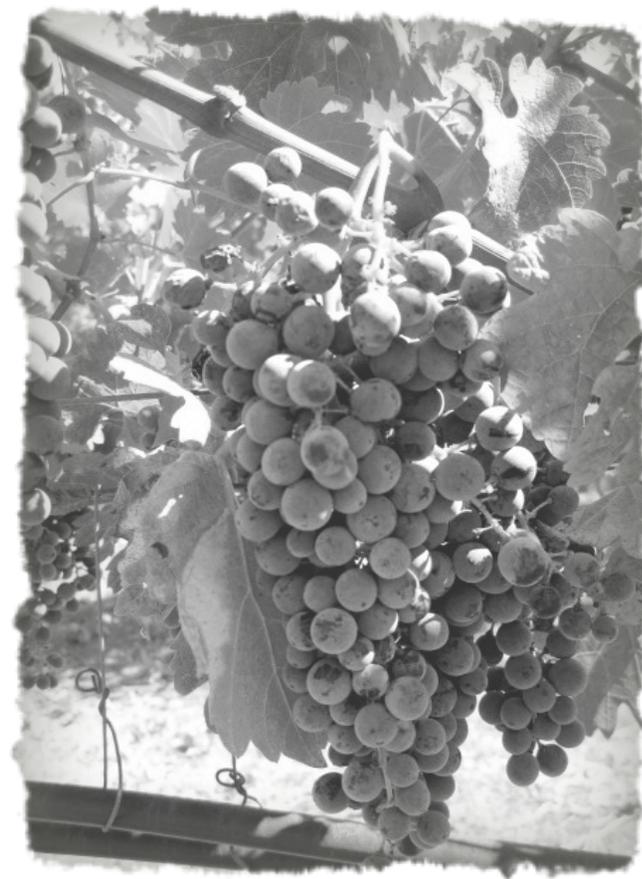
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Jesus the Exorcist

Week 1 of Series: Jesus the _____
October 29, 2017

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

Jesus the Exorcist

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: If history repeats itself, 100.3FM will begin playing Christmas music very soon. Does it bug you that they do this so early each year or do you love it and tune in? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Matthew 6:10 and John 10:10. When you watch the 5 o'clock news or surf the internet and see what's happening in the world, what are some examples of "stealing, killing, and destroying" (e.g., evil, injustice, suffering, or wrongdoing) that exist in our world that won't exist in Heaven? Be specific.
4. In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis writes, "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors..." If you had to choose one, which one of these errors more accurately describes how you tend to live and think?
5. There are 47 verses in the 4 gospels that talk about Jesus driving out "demons." There are an additional 30 verses in the 4 gospels where Jesus drives out "evil spirits." In *Surprised by the Power of the Holy Spirit*, Jack Deere writes: "Demons? Well, I guess there must be demons around somewhere. There certainly were a lot of them in the 1st century. (Where would they have all gone anyway?)" What are your thoughts on these stats from the Bible and/or Deere's quote?
6. Read Mark 1:25-26. While every Christian should rejoice if a demonized person was set free from their oppression, have you ever thought about what an exorcism like this would actually look like in reality... or have you tended to "sanitize" it in your mind (similar to picturing Jesus being crucified without torn up flesh)?
7. Annie Dillard writes, "Why do people in church seem like cheerful, brainless tourists on a packaged tour of the Absolute? ... Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? [In reality] The churches are [like] children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us to where we can never return."
 - What are your thoughts on this quote?
 - When you walk into church on a Sunday morning, how aware are you of the reality that Dillard paints?

Key Passage:

Jesus rebuked him saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him. - Mark 1:25-26 (CSB)