

9. List some ways you can embody Kingdom values to:

- Your parents?
- Your children?
- Your spouse?
- People you see in public?

10. Would you say you have any “enemies?” How have you treated him or her?

11. What could you do differently to fight the principalities without sacrificing the person? How can you show love to your enemy?

12. Have you ever prayed for someone who persecuted you? What was your prayer? Was it easy to do?

13. How does right living work to defeat the principalities and powers and advance the Kingdom?

14. What steps do you need to take to put this message into practice?



Fighting the Right Enemy

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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Too often, we fall into the trap of fighting the wrong enemy.

“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.”

--Ephesians 6:12

Jesus never instructs us to treat any _____ as the enemy.

What is the purpose of the Kingdom?

- God wants the whole world to be redeemed from the _____.
- Adam and Eve were created to be in _____ with God.
- _____ is a breach of relationship.
- _____ caused our separation.

The work of Jesus: _____. (Eph 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:16-20).

Our enemy is the rulers, authorities, powers and spiritual forces. (Eph 6:11)

- Paul is referring to the schemes of _____.
- We tend to _____ Satan.
- It's to His benefit if we don't know he _____.

The scheme of Satan:

1. Get us fixated on _____.
2. We begin to see people as _____.

How do we fight the "principalities" and not lose the people?

1. _____ our enemies. (Matthew 5:43)
2. _____ for those who persecute us. (Matthew 5:43)
3. Right _____.

Do we trust the _____ way?

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. Pastor Kory mentioned politics. What are some other ways we make people our enemy?
2. How would you describe the "rulers, authorities, powers and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms?" What do you think are some manifestations of these forces?
3. How does sin create separation? Give an example from your own life.
4. In the message, Kory said that the serpent (Satan) orchestrated the fall. Do you agree?
5. In what ways do you think Satan or his "principalities and powers" are at work in our society today?
6. Bible tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven and the "Kingdom of this World" (ruled by the principalities and powers) have different values. What are some different values you can think of?
7. Kory said Satan works to get us fixated on ourselves. How does this undermine the Kingdom of God?
8. How do we sometimes treat people as obstacles to getting what we want? Can you think of some examples?