

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*WHO IS THE DEVIL?*  
The Gospel of John — Week 35

**ICEBREAKER:** If you could look into the future to find out one thing, what would you want to know?

**OVERVIEW:** Many people are fascinated with the devil, but do they actually know the truth about him? The devil is not a fictional character with red horns, a long mustache, a tail, and a pitchfork. He is all too real, and he is a clear and present danger to Christians. In this study we will go deeper into who the devil is, and how to stand against him.

1. Read John 8:37-47. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
  
2. What do the following passages teach about the origin and character of the devil?
  - a. Ezekiel 28:12-17
  
  - b. Isaiah 14:12-15
  
3. Should we fear the devil? Explain .
  
4. Should we talk to the devil? Explain.

5. Do you think some people give the devil too much credit? Explain.
  
6. What can the devil do to Christians? What can the devil NOT do to Christians?
  
7. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What can we learn from this story about the devil's strategy against us?
  
8. What can we learn from the temptation of Jesus about how to overcome the devil?
  
9. Read 1 Peter 5:8-10. What does it mean to be sober-minded? What does it mean to be alert?
  
10. How does 1 Peter 5:8-10 say to resist the devil?

**The Last Word:** How do you know if the devil is lying? His lips are moving.