TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

For we are not fighting against fleshand-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 NLT

... they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26 NIV

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

1 Timothy 4:1 NIV

"Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water." ... Jesus replied, ... "Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Matthew 17:15. 17-18 NIV

Iesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. Matthew 10:1 NIV

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Ephesians 6:13 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Is there anything you want in your life that you're saying "when pigs fly" about?
- What did you take away from this message that you'd never fully realized before?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Ephesians 6:12. How can you apply this Scripture to your daily life?
- Pastor Jeff said darkness is not the opposite of light; it's the absence of light. Where do you see this biblically? What does this make you think about overcoming spiritual darkness?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Pastor Jeff talked about the mistakes of overemphasizing evil or underemphasizing it. How have you experienced either of these?
- Is there anything you're struggling with that you need to battle both practically and spiritually?
- What will you do to take authority over any darkness that may be trying to steal joy and life from you? How will you invite Jesus' power and light in instead?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, You've already overcome any darkness we face by the power and authority of Jesus' name. So, in the name of Jesus, we agree that spiritual darkness has no place in our lives. It has to go. Holy Spirit, come with power and bring the light of Christ into every corner of our lives. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start taking authority over darkness in the name of Jesus. Don't assume every problem is demonic opposition or that any problem isn't.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any places in your life where there's an absence of light. Then, bring in the light of God's Word, prayer, and confession.

Find out more by checking out the series "When Pigs Fly" at www.myrestore.church