

## Discussion Guide: Our Adversary the Devil - Part 3

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)*

**March 23, 2003:** "Our Adversary the Devil - 3" by Pastor Kimber Kauffman, Senior Pastor College Park Church. Pastor continued his series on Our Adversary the Devil with a subtitle for today's sermon, "The Incredible Mind Monster" because the Devil is truly in a battle for our minds. This is his grand design...to outwit us (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Pastor pointed out that there is no way the devil can win in the end, but he continues the battle for our souls...wrecking havoc in our lives and attempting to lead us astray by working on our minds. Make no mistake, we are truly in a battle. The devil and his powers of darkness are a real threat. He wants to devour you...greedily gulp you down. 1 Peter 5:8-9

### Discussion Questions:

1. In reading 1 Timothy 3:6-7, *what does the devil do to wreck havoc in the body of believers? Have you seen such behavior? What were the results? What can we do to overcome this attack?*
2. In reading the New Testament, we learn that Satan attempts to steal the word of God from the hearts of men and women.
  - A. He tries to keep unbelievers from becoming believers (Matthew 13:1-4, 18-19 and 2 Corinthians 4:4). *Have you seen this happen to others? Has this ever happened to you as you shared your faith with others? What can we do to overcome this attack?*
  - B. He tries to get believers to think and live outside of God's word and will (Ephesians 6:16, 2 Corinthians 11:3, Matthew 16:23, Acts 5:3, 1Corinthians 7:5, Ephesians 4:26-27). *Have you seen this happen to others? Has this ever happened to you in your walk with the Lord? What can we do to overcome this attack?*
  - C. He opposes those who preach the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:17-18, Romans 15:22). *Have you seen this happen to others? Has this ever happened to you as you shared your faith with others? What can we do to overcome this attack?*
3. We also learn that Satan attempts to slander both God to man (Genesis 3), man to God (Job 1 & 2) and man to man. *Have you ever been on the receiving end of slander? How did you respond? How does Christ want us to respond?*

Pastor concluded his sermon with the display of a spear and graphically demonstrated how we are to take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5). *How can we apply this to our lives on a daily basis?*