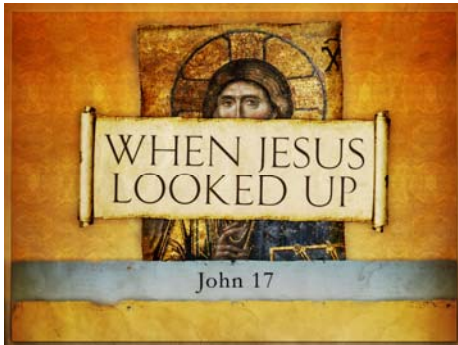


# en·gage

to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

“WHEN JESUS LOOKED UP” Part 2 of 4



## Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

## Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

## Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their “Close to God” time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

**SERMON TITLE:** “Protection from Evil”

## **MAIN POINT/PASSAGE**

- ▶ *The world is no match for the name of Jesus. / John 17:6-19*

## **SUNDAY REVIEW**

- ▶ As a group re-read the main passage. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## **STARTING QUESTIONS**

- ▶ Explain times in your life when you felt unprotected. (I.E. moved out of you parent’s house, visited a foreign country or large city.)
- ▶ In what ways have felt attacked by evil recently?
- ▶ How much credit do you give to Satan when bad things happen in your life? Do you give him too much or too little?
- ▶ Where is the balance between Satan’s attack and our sinful nature as the reason for bad things happening to us? How can we protect ourselves from both?

## **DIGGING DEEPER** (Questions are taken from Serendipity Bible for Groups)

- ▶ Read Ephesians 6:10-18
  - From Eph. 1:19-21, where is Christ now? How powerful is He?
  - How does this instill hope in Christians as we encounter the evil forces described here?
  - What does Paul mean by each of the six pieces of armor? What is the purpose of each? Which are defensive? Offensive?

## **APPLICATION**

- ▶ In reference to the armor, what parts are in good shape? What is moldy or rusty? What do you need to do to get ready for battle? What is at stake if you don’t do anything?
- ▶ In v. 20 we read about the evidence of Paul being on the front lines of the battle. What evidence do you see of the battle in your life? Family? Community? Church? Nation?
- ▶ What would it mean for you “to stand” in these particular battlefields?
- ▶ What about as a Life Group?

