

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Angels

Week 2: Fallen Angels
Ezekiel 28:12-17 & Various texts

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Before the earth ever existed, God created angels — and some of them chose to rebel away from Him in ways that have had significant consequences. This week, we learn about fallen angels as we look at the effects of pride and discover how we are all prone to the same issues as Lucifer.

Kicking It Off:

If you could ask God one question about things you don't really understand in the world, what would it be?

Discussion:

1. Jeff discussed the seemingly normal upbringing of the Unabomber, followed by his downward spiral toward evil. Who else comes to your mind (either another famous person, a Bible character, or somebody you know) as someone who's had a mighty fall from grace?
2. Read Revelation 12:7-9. How did the archangels of Michael and Lucifer come to be? What do scholars believe happened to them?

“Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.” (NLT)

3. The first possible cause of Lucifer's fall is Arrogance. (See Ezekiel 28:17.) How do people today struggle with pride? What are some of the net effects of a corrupted heart?

“You thought you were so handsome that it made your heart proud. You thought you were so glorious that it spoiled your wisdom. So I threw you down to the earth. I made an example out of you in front of kings.” (NIRV)

4. How does selfish Ambition play a role in Lucifer's fall, according to Isaiah 14:12-15? How does that contrast with good, godly ambition? How can we tell the difference between the two?

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground—mighty though you were against the nations of the world. For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and rule the angels. I will take the highest throne. I will preside on the Mount of Assembly far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’”(TLB)*

5. How does the Autonomy (or reckless independence) of fallen angels serve as a warning for our lives today? How can your group encourage you to live fully *dependent* on the Lord?

Wrapping Up:

As a group, share how God can help you stay on His side. If you haven't already, trust Christ to help you in whatever situations you're facing today. Finally, thank God that in the end, Satan and all his demons will be defeated by God Almighty.