

25 TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

20. Know Your Enemy – Satan

- *Truth to Teach:* As Christians, we are involved in a battle with spiritual forces of evil. Demons, led by Satan (the devil), are active in the world, trying to thwart the will of God and steal the glory that is due His Name. These spiritual forces of evil are the source of our temptations to sin.

- *Scriptures:* **Ephesians 6:10-13** > Why are we commanded to put on the full armor? What does it help protect us against? What are the Devil's tactics? What does the armor help us do? What does it prepare us to do?

1 Peter 5:8 > What is Peter's warning to believers? Is Peter someone we should listen to concerning the Devil? Why? To what does Peter liken Satan? What is he doing?

Matthew 4:1-11 > What was the Satan trying to do in this passage? Why do you think he even tried to tempt Jesus? What was Jesus' response to Satan's attempts? What should we learn from this example?

Job 1:6 > What does this passage tell us about Satan? What was his place? Why is he no longer in that place?

- *Application:* There are several strategies that satan uses to hinder God's work in our lives – temptation, deception, etc. Let's read about the armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-13 and be encouraged that satan has already been defeated. We as believers in Christ have this armor already provided for us by our Savior.

- *Activities:* When you put your clothes and shoes in the morning, let that remind you to also "put on" your armor in Christ. Let's discuss some of the ways you have seen Satan at work around you. Identify how we can use our armor to defeat evil.

- *Practice:* What steps can you take to resist the temptations you are facing?

How can you encourage another Christian in his or her spiritual battles?