Angels and Demons
How To Deal with The Supernatural

AT A GLANCE:
WELCOME to our explosive series, Angels and Demons. In these next four weeks, we will learn how to fight our spiritual enemies and win.

Talk 1 is about *Temptation.*
Talk 2 is about *Superstition.* We'll also learn answers to the question, "What should we do with the Horoscope, Palm Reading, Feng Shui, and Harry Pottter?"
And Talk 3, is about *Oppression*. Is there such a thing called "Spiritual Oppression" where demons make our life difficult?

AFTER THE SERIES:
We should be able to discern how our beliefs affect our behavior. And how the Devil thwarts our efforts to live a life in full with the Lord.

Talk 3: "Oppression"

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 3 is titled Oppression, or short for "demonic oppression", a term used to describe attacks from the enemy. The talk answers the question: Are we really being attacked by evil?

The key message is: You're bigger than you think you are.

Personal Reflection and Group Discussion:
What's the best way for you to fight evil?
How can you apply what you learned from the message into your daily life?

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSE

Read together the key Bible verse: *Finally, build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power.* (Ephesians 6:10 GNT)

Remind members the key message of the talk:

"A lot of people think fighting the Devil means becoming an exorcist, screaming at the top of their voice, "In Jesus' name, I cast out the demon in you!"

"But according to St, Paul, that's not the way to do it. To fight the Devil, you need to unite yourself with Jesus more.

"But how do you do that?

"The mistake is to think that uniting with God means being more religious. Like praying more. Or reading the Bible more. Or going to church more. All that will help. But that's not the essence of being united with Jesus.

"Here's what it means. *You hang out to Jesus so much, you begin to act like Him, talk like Him, serve like Him, and love like Him.* Union with Jesus means that when people see you, they mistake you for Jesus.

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Talk 1:
Temptation

Talk 2:
Superstition

Talk 3:
Oppression

Big Day

Notes:

"At the end of the day, your greatest weapon is discipleship. *Follow Jesus every day and you defeat the Devil.*"

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Ask members what "religious" objects which they thought had some power.

Share experiences about playing the Ouija Board or the Spirit of the Glass. What happened?

Ask: Are you afraid of cockroaches? Or some other little insects?

Share experiences about ghosts and what the members did to overcome their fears.

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Ask members a trial they are going through, especially about struggling over oppressions. Pray together to be able to change beliefs and be relieved of the ill effects of oppressions.

IMPORTANT: *If there's a member who needs liberation from "demonic oppression" do not attempt to conduct an "exorcism" session. It's better that you refer the person to a qualified exorcist, or a priest who can well give the person the proper advice.*

In the next meeting, **remember to follow up** members about their concerns.

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