

2020: SEEING THE DEVIL CLEARLY

PART III: PARTICIPANT HANDOUT

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS DISCUSSION

Chapter I: Demonic Possession

Father Guckin teaches that demonic possession is real and is a mockery of the Incarnation. Demons try to inhabit a person to blaspheme God by speaking threatening words and causing frightening facial expressions and intimidating gestures. Demons also work through infestation, influence and oppression. Explain the power of prayer to overcome these demonic exhibitions.

Chapter II: Satan's Pathway to our Souls

Father Guckin refers to the dangers of the occult and sustained serious sins; the gateways of past trauma and emotional wounds, and unwillingness to forgive others as pathways for Satan to gain access to a soul. How can you help your students understand and avoid these pathways? Give a concrete example.

Chapter III: The Two Standards: Christ and Satan

We are all fighting a terrible battle when it comes to Christ and Satan. How can you teach your students to embrace the banner of Jesus Christ in their spiritual life through the practice of simplicity and humility and giving glory to God?

Chapter IV: How to Win the Spiritual Battle

Father cites St. Paul's reference, "put on the armor of God," as a way to defeat the devil. What is part of your armor?

Chapter VI: Roundtable Panel Discussion

What is your biggest take away thus far from this series and how will it help you to be a better teacher of the faith?

Chapter VII: Roundtable Panel Discussion

Father Chris talks about identifying the demon by name (Demon of abandonment, self-esteem, etc.) who convinces one to "swallow the lie." The road to recovery is to recognize the power of Jesus Christ over the Father of lies and to receive the Father's blessing. Think of a child whom you teach who has swallowed the lie and needs the Father's blessing.

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"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

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