



THE GOSPEL OF
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March 20th, 2016
The Enemy of Evil



This week, we celebrated Palm Sunday while Corey continued our series in Luke.

READ

Luke 8:26-39

REFLECT

1. CS Lewis said, "there are two equal and opposite errors which we can fall into regarding the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. The devil himself is equally pleased by both errors and celebrates the materialist or a magician with the same delight." Which side of the spectrum do you find yourself most often? How are you challenged by this quote?
2. Corey talked about the comprehensive peace of Shalom and how evil works to unravel that fabric, leading to brokenness not exclusively to the point of attack but spread across the wholistic Shalom. What brokenness do you see? How has the brokenness pervaded your soul, your family, your relationships, your vocation, your neighborhood, your city?
3. Corey discussed the subtleties of evil. Reflect on your life, how have you allowed good things, harmless things, or small things to take a foothold in your life? Do you make excuses for these indiscretions? Do you cover up aspects of your life from those closest to you? Where is this unraveling happening in your life? Where have you opened the door to evil? How might you have given yourself over to the wrong master?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how we open ourselves up to evil by turning a blind eye toward small steps, pursue the wrong things, and ignore warning signs.
- + Ask God to convict us of our negligence and to help us recognize evil in our own lives.
- + Thank God for the transformational power of Jesus Christ.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Corey highlighted the man's desire to go with Christ following the miraculous healing. Jesus sent him back to the city. How does this story prepare you not only to look towards Christ for transformation but also compel you to better engage Richmond as a result of Christ's power?
- + How can you take these reflections on evil, knowledge of the transformational power of Christ, the commission to reenter the broken city, and the role reversal at the end of the story and apply them in your life? How does this story help calibrate you for Holy Week and prepare for Easter?