

Session **8**
Host/Helper Notes
HOW CAN I RESIST EVIL?

HOST AND HELPER NOTES

SMALL GROUP COACHING



BIG IDEA

The talk today, “How can I resist evil?” is a topic that requires more prudence and wisdom in guiding the discussion.

1. We want to strike the balance between acknowledging that evil spirits are real (especially if people are skeptical) but not dwelling too much on evil.
2. Someone might have a very compelling story that highlights the reality of evil spirits. However, you want to be careful not to allow the small group to spend the whole time discussing horrible examples of evil in the world. Don't be afraid to move on.
3. It's important to end on a positive note and ask the question, “How do we overcome evil with good?”

4. If the conversation gets off track, you can always close the group with something like: “I've come to understand tonight that while it is important for a Christian to be aware of the existence of evil spirits and that there are forces working for evil, we don't want to focus so much on them but on the power of God in our lives...”



GROUP GOAL

That each small group would continue to bond and grow in friendship, whether they attended the Alpha weekend or not.



PERSONAL GOAL

To direct the discussion time towards an awareness that the devil is real and working against us, rather than blame God for the evil in the world.

Notes

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Icebreaker:

What was your favorite childhood candy? What is your favorite candy now?

1. Start the small group time by asking guests to share their experiences of the Alpha weekend. Start with the person who will be most open/positive. This gives guests the opportunity to express what happened to them. It can be a great encouragement to the group.
2. What did you think or feel about the talk?
3. Why do you think bad things happen?
4. Where does temptation come from?
5. How do you resist temptation?

For Helpers:

1. If anyone on the team has experienced God help them see or overcome evil, briefly share about this as a way to open discussion for others.
2. If it seems right to pray at the end of the session tonight, make sure one helper does not pray out loud, just in case one guest also does not pray out loud. Then that guest will not feel alone.