

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus invites us to boldly call on God to rescue us from Satan's schemes and empower us to resist all evil.

Growing Deeper this week...

Jesus' power in public was directly related to his time spent in private with *Our Father*. Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. <u>Before your start</u>: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

## Identify

What is one of the scariest things you have experienced in life that involved some form of evil? How did you feel or respond?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* Mat 4:1-11, 6:13, 12:22-29, Eph. 6:10-18, Isaiah 43:1-3, 13, James 4:7, John 10:28, 15:15, Lk 10:17-20, 22:32-34, 1 Jn 4:4.

## Reflect

- 1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? What do they challenge you to think or consider when it comes to the reality of the actual existence of Satan and demons? What does this lead you to think or do in light of God's presence and power and protection?
- 2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
- 3. Re-read Luke 10:17-20. On Sunday, Doug said that "Jesus would not only deliver us from the error of Satan's non-existence... He would deliver us from over-emphasis on devils and invite us to take personal inventory of the trajectory of our lives." How do you respond to this statement? What might God want to say to you about this?

# Respond

### Moving forward ...

Take time this week to consider the trajectory of your life. If it is true that you are a *sent one* right where you are to do God's will "on earth as it is in heaven," how might God help you think about the current direction of your life and choices? What might He want to say to you about this? What might you want to say to Jesus about this?