



EXPOSING *the* *ENEMY*

Exposing the Antichrist **Jimmy Evans**

Focus The Antichrist is the deceiver who will bring about the greatest deception in human history during the last days. The term “antichrist” means to oppose and to replace. The ultimate goal of the Antichrist is to oppose and replace Jesus Christ.

Fun Think outside of the box this summer. Open up your group with a fun game of Guesstures, Pictionary, or charades. Have fun making memories and laughing together.

Review Key Scriptures: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12, Luke 17:26–37, Revelation 6:15–17

1. Who is the Antichrist?

The Bible tells us that the Antichrist must be revealed before the end of time can occur. The term “antichrist” translates from the Greek meaning: to oppose and to replace. The Antichrist seeks to oppose and replace Jesus Christ.

2. There will be an outpouring of spiritual deception to incite the world to rebel against God.

During end-time events, there will be a growing rejection of God’s Word and rebellion to biblical morality. The spreading of the gospel by the Church will happen, as the Holy Spirit in the Church restrains the work of Satan in the world. Before the tribulation begins, the rapture of the Church, in an instant of time, will occur.

3. The Antichrist is revealed to the world and they worship him.

The Antichrist is being restrained by the Holy Spirit. After the rapture takes place, the Antichrist will exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, and he will sit as god in the temple of God. The Holy Spirit is restraining the Antichrist until the appointed time.

Group Dynamics Idea Small groups are all about relationships. Be intentional to take time and increase interaction between the group members. Also, consider organizing monthly dinner socials or picnics in the park! Having fun together fosters community!

Discuss

1. Today, what reveals an outpouring of spiritual deception that incites rebellion against God?
2. How is God using the Church to restrain Satan in the world? How is God using you to restrain Satan and deception in the world?
3. Pastor Jimmy Evans mentioned that deception is like a radio frequency. If we aren't living for God, we are tuned into the devil's frequency. Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
4. There is a moral freefall in the world today. How can the Church make a difference? How can an individual make a difference during their day-to-day lives?
5. Read Matthew 16:24–26. Now is the time to make your life right with Jesus. If you don't know Jesus, and if you have never invited Him to be Lord of your life or to forgive you of your sins, then now is the time to do that. (Note: Take a moment to lead the group in the sinner's prayer. Next, allow a moment for prayer so group members can meditate on what the Holy Spirit is saying to them).

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Antichrist is the great deceiver.
- The Antichrist is revealed during the end times.
- The Antichrist seeks to oppose and replace Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word that reveals truth to us. Thank You that we don't have to be afraid of the end times. Please help us to not be seduced by worldliness and the spirit of the Antichrist. Prepare us, as the bride of Christ, to be pleasing to You. Help us to resist the lust of the flesh, the lust of the

eyes, and the pride of life. Teach us Your ways, Lord, so that we may know You.
Help us to always say yes to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip As the leader, don't try to do everything yourself. Get everyone in your group to help or serve in some way. Not only does it lighten your load but also creates ownership. People love the opportunity to be more involved!