

## **LIVE NO LIES WORKSHEET: Week 1 - The Devil**

### **Definitions:**

**Truth** – reality      **Lies** – unreality      **Ideas** – assumptions about reality

**Spiritual formation** – the process by which we are formed from our spirits/inner persons to become like Jesus

### **Three implications of Jesus' teaching on the devil:**

1. He is real, immaterial, but intelligent being.
2. His end goal is to spread ruin in our souls and society.
3. His primary means is lies.

**Key texts to meditate on:** John 8, Genesis 1-3, and Luke 4

**Working theory of the devil's strategy:** deceitful ideas that play to disordered desires that are normalized in a sinful society.

**Working theory of spiritual formation:** It's by spirit and truth that we are transformed into the image of Jesus and set free to live in line with all that is good, beautiful and true. It's by isolation and lies that we are deformed into the image of the devil and enslaved in a vicious cycle of disorder and death.

**Working theory of how we fight the devil:** We practice the spiritual disciplines laid down by Jesus, such as silence and solitude, prayer, fasting and Scripture – and continually set our minds before the Spirit and truth of God. When tempted, we stand in quiet trust in God's love and wisdom and bring our minds back to Scripture.

**Key practices to overcome the devil:** quiet prayer and Scripture

**Summary:** The devil's goal is to first isolate us, then implant in our minds deceitful ideas that play to our disordered desires, which we feel comfortable with because they are normalized by the status quo of our society. Specifically, he lies about who God is, who we are, and what the good life is, with an aim to undermine our trust in God's love and wisdom. His intent is to get us to seize autonomy from God and redefine good and evil for ourselves, thereby leading the ruin of our souls and society.