

St. Therese Adult Study Series
Spiritual Warfare with Father Andrie & Brendan McInerny

Reflection Questions for Chapter *Who Is the Devil*

For the next session, please read the third chapter, Who Is the Devil, pages 15-29 in the *Exorcism* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "*Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with your mighty staff. You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs; now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you! Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families, and the dying. By God's grace, no demon dares approach while you are near, so we beg of you, always be near to us! Amen.*" (Pg. 150)

Your reflections will be shared **October 3rd** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

NOTE: Each week we will begin our small group sessions as a large group using the Lectio Divina prayer format with the Sunday Gospel. This will be provided each week on your tables.

1. Who do you say the Devil is?

2. "For people of faith, we look at things from the viewpoint that says, "believing is seeing."" (pg. 15) Where do you see the Devil in the world around us?

3. "...the power of Satan is not infinite, it is limited due to the fact he is only a creature. Certainly powerful as a spirit, but still a creature whose power cannot annul the power of God." (pg. 19) How does this give you hope?

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4. The Devil is an “illusionist who demonstrates false reality.” He makes us see things that seem amazing to win us over. Think about all the material things created to draw us in and divert our attention. To keep this illusion active, the Devil is known by many names. Which name(s) resonate with you? Is there one that puts shivers down your spine?

5. Lucifer was created to glorify God. He fell when he changed his focus to “I” in his heart. “I will set my throne on high...I will ascend above the heights of the clouds...I will make myself like the Most High.” (pg. 25) Why did Fr. Lampert call this the sin of pride?

6. “Angels are perfect creatures and fallen angels are not.” How do you feel now that you know your Guardian Angel is more powerful than the devil himself?

7. What other points stood out to you as you read this chapter?