

Friend or Foe?

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People are not the enemy.

ICE BREAKER: Is there someone in your life who has been your nemesis? Tell us about it.

Read: 1 Peter 5:8-9

- There are a lot of people Peter could have cast in the role of villain in this letter. Flipping back through the first five chapters who are some of them?
- Why didn't Peter identify people as the enemy?
- What makes the devil such a sinister enemy?
- Peter's advice for defending against the devil is to "Stay alert! Watch out..." What does that look like in practical terms?

Read: Ephesians 6:10-12

- Verse twelve gives a colorful description of our enemies. To whom or what is Paul referring?
- How do we fight against such unconventional enemies?
- What is the role of allies in battling the enemies we encounter in spiritual warfare?

Read: Ephesians 6:13-20

- What weapon or weapons in this list you need to master?

Prayer: Ask God to help you identify the real enemy, the devil. Ask God to help you avoid seeing the person or people you identified in the ice breaker above as enemies.