



Series Summary: The last two years were filled with isolation, mistrust, and fear. We are now caught in a polarizing world and struggle to even like people anymore. But we have a relational God who wants his kids to be relationship rich. As we lean back into healthy relationships, we'll experience some of life's greatest joys.

Sermon summary: Satan was originally a powerful angel who went rogue, heaven's hero who became earth's villain. Scrooge was the opposite, a villain transformed into someone good. His first name was Ebenezer, a biblical word that simply means "the help of the Lord." As we celebrate the Grand Opening of our newest campus, we raise our Ebenezer, the only way to overcome our villain's obstacles and attacks.

Big Idea: With God's help we overcome!

Icebreaker: *When did you start attending Berean? Why did you stay?*

Discussion:

1. What did you learn from the message?
2. Why is earth's villain so intent on your destruction? (see 1 Peter 5:8)
3. How is Jesus' intent for you in direct opposition to Satan's intent? (see John 10:10)
4. Read and discuss 1 Samuel 7:12. What was the meaning of the Ebenezer stone?
5. Why do you need to be reminded that the Lord is our help?
6. How much can you accomplish without Jesus' help? (see John 15:5)
7. What has Berean accomplished with God's help?
8. What do you hope to accomplish with God's help?
9. In what ways does Psalm 121:1-2 and Romans 8:31 give you hope and courage?

Know: only with God's help do you overcome

Be: confident in God's help

Do: trust in God with all your heart

Bonus Reading:

- *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero