

SAINTS & STRUGGLES

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WEEK 2 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- What is the one dessert(s) that you cannot resist?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Read Matthew 3:16-4:1 as a group.

- When it comes to temptation, there is always more at stake than we think. **What was at stake when Jesus was tempted? Why do we tend to minimize the stakes when it comes to temptation?**
- The stakes surrounding temptation always impact our future in the short or long term. **Can you think of any examples in your life when your response to temptation impacted your future? How does it help to keep the consequences in mind when you are faced with temptation?**

Read Matthew 4:1-4 & Deuteronomy 8:1-3 as a group

- Temptation can come in the form of a lack of trust for God to provide. **Why would it have been a sin for Jesus to turn the rocks into bread? Why is it a struggle to wait on God to provide, instead of taking things into your own hands?**

Read Matthew 4:5-7 & Deuteronomy 6:16 as a group

- Temptation can come in the form of trying to manipulate God. **Why would it have been a sin for Jesus to throw himself down from the top of the temple? When do you find yourself trying to get God to follow your agenda instead of following His? What do you miss out on when you try to manipulate God?**

Read Matthew 4:8-9 & Deuteronomy 6:10-13 as a group

- Temptation can come in the form of lacking trust. **What is it about shortcuts that make them so tempting? Have you ever been faced with an opportunity to jump ahead, but it required you to temporarily abandon your values? Share a story.**

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 & Ephesians 6:10-17 as a group

- Did you notice the main way Jesus resisted temptation? When faced with the lies of the Devil, Jesus relied on the truth of God's Word (Bible). What we saturate ourselves in tends to come out when we are squeezed. **Temptation comes in many forms. What kind of temptation are currently you struggling with? What biblical truths do you need reminded of? How can our group encourage and support you?**

CALLING

- **This week identify some of the temptations you are currently struggling with.** Research and choose a verse you can memorize that is specific to the temptation you are facing. Use this as a reminder of God's truth that helps you resist temptation.
- **Daily Devotions:** Read and engage with the Saints & Struggles Daily Devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 to have them texted to you each morning at 7:00AM or tap on Study in Northside's mobile app to find the Daily Devotions.
- **Further Study & Reflection:** *Winning The War In Your Mind* by Craig Groeschel
- **Memorize:** *"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.."*
1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)