



SERMON

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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INTRO

→ Share a memorable moment from your week.

DISCUSS

1. What stood out to you in this week's message?

Message Recap: In **Matthew 4** Jesus is tempted in the desert before He starts his ministry. At first glance, His temptations seem different than the type of temptations we face, yet they are very similar. Pastor Linn taught that the first temptation is about NEEDS, the second is about TIMING, and the third is about the PLAN.

2. First Temptation: **Matthew 4:3-4** What are ways people try to meet their own needs? What are common excuses people tend to use as justification?
3. Second Temptation: **Matthew 4:5-7** Pastor Linn said, "God's timing is always better than our timing." What do you think about that statement? Share a time when that has been true in your life or share a situation where this is difficult to believe right now. Spend time listening to each other and praying for each other.
4. **Third Temptation Matthew 4:8-11** Pastor Linn asked, "How many of you think that Satan had Jesus' best interest at heart? He did not!" In the same way, your temptation does not lead to good. Talk about this idea. Read **John 10:9-10** and **1 Peter 5:8** together. What do these verses tell us about Satan's motives and goals?
5. Jesus responded to his temptations with the Truth of God's Word. Pastor Linn encouraged us to start remembering scripture together this year. Pick a verse from the next sheet to memorize this month and talk about how you will do that with the group. If you have a go-to verse, share it with the group and share how it has helped you in your every-day life.

Verses to Memorize

“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” – **Matthew 4:4**

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” – **Psalms 139:14**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – **Philippians 4:5-7**

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” – **James 1:19-20**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” – **Proverbs 3:5-6**

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” – **2 Corinthians 12:9**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” – **Matthew 4:19**

PRAY

→ Spend time praying together as a group.