

Jesus Treasured God's Word

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Open: How do you typically interact with the Bible in a given week?

Read: Matthew 4:1-11

Discuss:

1. What do you make of the fact that it was the Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness (v. 1)? What similarities does this account share with the story of Job? Why might our good God bring us into such challenging situations?
2. These verses illustrate that our enemy, Satan, aims to tempt us away from pursuing God's ways. How should that truth affect our daily perspective? What is the danger of ignoring this truth? How should we be preparing ourselves for times of temptations?
3. How did Satan seek to tempt Jesus in each of the three interactions (vv. 3, 5-6, 8-9)? How can you relate to these types of temptation in your own life? What are other areas where we can expect or experience temptation?
4. Where are the verses that Jesus quoted (vv. 4, 7, 10) found in the Old Testament? What similarities do there seem to be between the temptation of Jesus and the Old Testament account of the Israelites? How does Jesus' response to his temptation help us today?
5. **Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9.** How would you communicate these instructions of Moses to a believer you are discipling? How are you applying these instructions in your life?
6. What approach have you found to be most fruitful for reading the Word of God? What do you find to be the most helpful way to memorize Scripture?
7. What Scriptures have you found valuable to remember when you are facing trials and temptations of various kinds? What, if any, Scripture you are currently working on memorizing? What motivated you to memorize these verses?

Apply: If you aren't already working on memorizing Scripture, identify a passage you would like to start working on. Set a goal for Bible reading for this week. (For example, read a chapter a day, or 15 minutes every day for five days, or some other goal that seem realistic to you.)

Pray: Ask God to give your group a deep and persistent hunger for His Word. Pray against the interference of Satan.

Matthew 4:1-11

^[1] Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ^[2] And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

^[3] And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

^[4] But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

^[5] Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ^[6] and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

^[7] Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

^[8] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ^[9] And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

^[10] Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

^[11] Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. (ESV)

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

^[6] And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ^[7] You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ^[8] You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ^[9] You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (ESV)