



Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

For the Week of February 12, 2017

Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do 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 splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- What generic products are you unwilling to substitute for the real thing?
- What are some of the best generic products you buy?

Sermon Outline

- This weekend we studied Jesus time of testing/temptation in the wilderness
- We saw some of Satan's schemes
- We also learned Jesus' methods of withstanding temptation

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

1. What were your biggest takeaways from this weekend's sermon OR scripture passage?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What similarities do you find in how Satan tempts Eve vs. how he tempts Jesus?
3. How do you find that Satan deceives you?
4. Read 1 John 2:16. What temptations are mentioned here that are common to all of humanity?

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