

9. Wrestle through the statement that “People do not live by bread alone.” This is more than a trite saying. Wrestle with the implications of this and the importance that Scripture should have in our life.

10. In the message, what was threatened every time we face temptation? Talk about the implications that are personal for you every time you are tempted?

### Making It Personal

1. What genuine need are you attempting to meet in an improper way?
2. What are some of the practical ways you can begin to incorporate this study into your life?

### Looking Ahead

Join us next week as we continue our series in Matthew 4:1-11. We will look at the subtle ways in which the Devil attempts to divert Jesus in ways that are instructive for us.

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## Don't Go There!

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# Life Group Study Notes

Study  
based on  
Matthew  
4:1-11

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## This Week's Message

From the time of Adam and Eve we have all faced temptation. Its seductive lure is felt in many areas of life. But what makes it so difficult to escape its grip. Is there a way to guard us from its trap?

## Study

Read Matthew 3:16 - 4:11 (This study will focus on 4:1-4)

1. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?
2. Why is the context of the temptation important? In other words, why does it follow the baptism of Jesus?
3. What are the important parallels of this temptation with the wilderness wanderings of the Jewish people in the Old Testament? What lesson is similar in both stories?
4. What is interesting about the timing of the Devil showing up? From this, what do we learn about him for our own lives?
5. There were two essential truths about temptation given in the message. What were they and take time to expand on them?
  - a.
  - b.
6. Talk about the legitimacy of the Devil's request? How was it communicated in the message?
7. How does Jesus counteract the Devil's challenge?
8. Take time to read Deuteronomy 8:3. If you have time read the wider context. Talk about the way this passage and Matthew 4 point us to the disciplines of obedience and dependency?