

8. Why is this particular form of temptation especially troublesome for believers?

9. Take time to read Hebrews 4:15-16. Discuss the encouragement we can gain from the truths of this passage, especially as we grapple with temptation.

10. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Don't Go There!



Making It Personal

1. What are some of the practical ways you can begin to incorporate this study into your life? How can you best guard yourself against the potential temptations raised in this study?

Looking Ahead

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

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Matthew 4:1-11

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This Week's Message

Temptation is so subtle that it can sometimes fool even the most ardent believer. In this message we learn what is likely the most deceptive form of temptation, one that can be hard to identify and trace, until it's too late.

Study

Read Matthew 3:16 - 4:11 (This study will focus on 4:5-7)

1. What was the major take away for you from last week's lesson on temptation?
2. What is the significance of the Devil taking Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem? (Hint: the Temple and the city are significant because of what and whom they represent?)
3. In this temptation, how does the Devil introduce again the element of doubt?

4. What is frightening about the Devil quoting Scripture?
5. The Devil quotes Psalm 91:11-12. Take time to read it and answer the following questions.
 - a. Did the Devil quote it properly and in context to the original Psalm?
 - b. Did the Devil use the quote properly, or was he selective with its usage?

(Note: It is really important to acknowledge the way Jesus responds to the Devil's usage of the Psalm that serves as the core lesson of this temptation)

6. How does Jesus respond to the Devil? Take time to discuss the implications and importance of Jesus' response. For extra credit, can you give the Old Testament background to the response?
7. The message listed two ways we are tempted to test God. What are they and take time to expand on each.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.