

9. Verse 11 concludes the section with the angels taking care of Jesus. How does this relate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> temptation (Hint: Remember Psalm 91:11-12?)
10. Of the three temptations, is there one that is more difficult for you to resist?
11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

### Making It Personal

1. What is the biggest threat (temptation) in your life right now? Based on this series, how do you best handle it so it does not cause you to sin?
2. What are some of the practical ways you can begin to incorporate this study into your life?

### Looking Ahead

Life Groups are on break for the next two weeks but will resume on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We begin a new series entitled "Broken: How Suffering Tells a Bigger Story." This 4-part series takes us into Easter and we hope you will join us as we learn to live above the circumstances of life and not under them.

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### Don't Go There!

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# Life Group Study Notes

Study  
based on  
Matthew  
4:1-11

Message from Sunday March 9, 2014  
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## This Week's Message

In this closing message on temptation we learn about the dynamics of power and authority and how easy it can be to take a shortcut to attain them. Even to the point of temporarily suspending our values.

## Study

Read Matthew 3:16 - 4:11 (This study will focus on 4:8-11)

1. The final temptation finds the devil taking Jesus to a mountaintop to display all the kingdoms and their glory. What is the meaning of "glory" in this context and how does it inform this particular temptation? (See Matt 6:29 for a clue)
2. How can the devil even propose to offer the kingdoms of the world to Jesus? What is ironic about this offer?
3. What is the key thing that the devil is trying to divert Jesus from?

4. In the message, what was the key thought given concerning this temptation?
5. What would have resulted had Jesus taken the devil up on his offer?
6. Jesus once again responds with a passage from Deuteronomy 6:13. Take a moment to go there and discuss the context of the original passage and how it applies to the way Jesus used it?
7. The three temptations of Matthew 4:1-11 fall into three categories. What are they and discuss each.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What are the five points given in the message to help whenever we experience temptation?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_.