



## STUDY GUIDE

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### WHEN YOU FACE: Temptation!

WEEK OF August 18, 2019

Matthew 4:1-11

#### CONNECT

1. Explain what impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message.

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2. How would you define "temptation"? Do you think temptation is hard or easy to recognize? Why?
  
3. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What does this passage tell us about what it's like to be led by God's Spirit, and what does it teach us about the nature of temptation?

- 4. Jesus' first temptation is in verse 3. In your own words, what was the Devil tempting Him with? What do we communicate about the character of God when we trust in Him to meet our needs?**
  
- 5. Jesus' second temptation is in verse 6. Read Psalm 91:1-12. How did Satan twist these verses to tempt Jesus?**
  
- 6. The final temptation of Jesus is in verse 9. What was the Devil tempting Jesus with here, and how was the temptation calling God's wisdom and character into question? In what sense does temptation always do this?**
  
- 7. What sticks out to you the most about the way Jesus handled these temptations?**
  
- 8. Read James 1:13-15. Why do you think people try to blame God for the temptations they face, as James's readers were doing? Who is the real culprit we are to blame for our sins, and what is the chain of events that happen when we act on our temptations?**

**9. In Ephesians 6:13-18, what tools have God given us to fight the spiritual battle against evil and temptation? What role does prayer play in accessing the armor of God, and what role does the power of God play in our fight?**

**10. Why is knowing the Word of God essential to overcoming temptation?**

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**11. What specific temptations do you know that you are going to face this week? How are you going to arm yourself in advance to meet those temptations?**

**12. From the Ephesians 6 passage, which piece of armor do you need to focus on as you face temptations and why?**