



CROSSWALK

Following Jesus on the Trail to Destiny

Feb 20: Combat Zone

Icebreaker:

What food is your greatest temptation?

Message Bible Text:

Matthew 4:1-11

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Tim talked about the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:13). Have you ever considered that Jesus was led to be tempted and yet tells us to pray that we won't be tempted?
2. How are the temptations we face today similar to the temptations that Jesus faced? (Pastor Tim had three points: the difference between need and desire, seeking attention, and the price of our integrity.)
3. How does Satan today continue to twist and contort God's word as He did to Jesus in the wilderness?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Hebrews 4:15-16

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever felt that you were being tested by God? Did it feel like a wilderness experience?
2. Tell of a time when you felt that you were being led by God? How were you affirmed that God was leading you?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Often we see the trials we face as litmus tests of our righteousness, but in reality they are evidence of God's grace.
- We aren't saved by our goodness but by God's grace.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Give thanks to Jesus for being our high priest and advocate for our failures.
- Pray for continued guidance in the denominational discernment process.
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Memory Verse:

Hebrews 4:15-16 - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.