

MATTHEW—2 Community Group Questions

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Series—**THY KINGDOM COME**

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Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience.

MESSAGE of MATTHEW--*God has sent His King and His kingdom.*

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.” Matthew 6:33

MAIN POINT OF THIS SERIES...**The kingdom of God is where Jesus reigns.**

1—How have you experienced the Lord working in your life this past week? In other words, how have you experienced the kingdom of God?

2—Read Matthew 4:1-2. What are your thoughts on why the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness? Each of us knows what it’s like to be tempted. What do you think is the purpose of God allowing us to be tempted/tested?

3—Have you ever fasted? What was the experience like? When are you most vulnerable to falling to a temptation? Remember the acronym HALT (Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired)? Which of these feelings do you find yourself most vulnerable?

4—Read Matthew 4:3-11. These three temptations have been summed up as temptation of the flesh (v.3), temptation of being prideful/arrogant (v.6) and the temptation of worldly power (vv.8-9). Why do you think the devil picked these three temptations? What do you learn about Jesus from his responses?

5—Which of Sunday’s points best resonates with you?

- Being in the wilderness today, is preparation for the kingdom tomorrow.
- Every temptation is designed to derail your kingdom identity.
- The devil attacks our vulnerabilities.
- The devil’s strategy: APPETITES, PRIDE, POWER.
- Every temptation is an opportunity for God’s power to be demonstrated.

6—How has God used a “wilderness” in your life to prepare you for serving in the kingdom of God? What are your takeaways from this passage of scripture?