

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

Oct 22/23, 2016; Tempted

Speaker:

Pastor Heather Zempel

Scripture Focus: Luke 4:1-11

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed how “temptation is not an attack on us but an assault on God’s character.” These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don’t feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don’t have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: Pastor Mark says that sin “is meeting a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.” What does temptation mean in light of sin’s definition?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend’s message?
3. In what ways did Luke 4:1-11 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. In Luke 4, the Devil has been taunting and tempting Jesus with the phrase, “If you are the Son of God...” He went after Jesus’ identity. In what ways has the enemy similarly said to you, “If you...”?
2. Pastor Heather says, “When we take short cuts, we short-circuit the work that God wants to do in us and through us.” When can you think of a time where you have been tempted to skip the process? Why do you think this is tempting?
3. What does it mean to live in the confines of what God has for us? Why do you think he asks us to do that?
4. Pastor Heather says there’s a difference in living with these two perspectives: “Jesus, I think that’s you ahead of me. I’m going to follow.” And stepping out and saying, “Jesus, are you with me?” Two different perspectives of “following Jesus”. When have you experienced pivotal moments like these in your life? Do you find it easier to step out in faith hoping it’s God speaking or asking God to join you on the journey you’re already on?

5. Pastor Heather said there are many different views of God.
The Genie God- always will give you what you want.
The Buddy God- always has your back.
The Bodyguard God- always will protect you.
There are many views of God, what view of God do you have or resonate with the most?

6. What are the differences between “following Jesus” and having “Jesus follow you”?

7. What does it look like for Jesus to have complete Lordship over your life? What does it look like to submit to His plans for your life?

Challenge:

Pastor Heather said, “Jesus is either Lord of all or He isn’t Lord at all.” And there are many voices we hear every day.

- 1) Our voice
- 2) Voice of the world
- 3) God’s voice
- 4) Devil’s voice

How do you discern these voices? What are some of the ways you are elevating God’s voice over every other voice? (John 10:27-28). Pastor Heather said, “We can afford to wait on the timing of God”- so too can we afford to wait on God’s voice. Spend some time this week listening to the voice of God. Ask him to speak to you in new ways and to show you His voice.

Read, Pray, Act:

- Read Matthew 27:42-43
- Jesus knew who he was because he knew who his Father was. Do you know who you are in Christ? You are not your temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that “when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”
- Bring your temptations to God. He already knows them but take the time to write each of them down- get them out on paper and ask God for His help. Pray through your temptations this week asking for deliverance.
- Then, find a prayer partner who can meet with you and talk with you to help keep you accountable.
- Seek additional help and prayer from our prayer team by e-mailing:
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