4. Read Hebrews 4:15 along with Matt. 28:20, Ephesians 5:1, and 1 Peter 1:16. How does this passage comfort and/or challenge your relationship with Jesus?

The Fight

"The Fight for Your Life" Matthew 4:1-11

Two tactics from our enemy

1. He's a _____.

The 3 names for our enemy:

- The _____ (vv. 1, 5, 8, 11; John 8:44; Matthew 13:39)
- The _____ (v. 3)
- _____ (v. 10; Matthew 12:24)
- 2. He appeals to our _____.

Disordered desires take something good, a God-created desire, and turns it into the ultimate goal. Our desires become so big we cross boundaries to get it to gratify ourselves. It becomes more important than God.

What does temptation feel like for Jesus?

(Hebrews 4:15)

- Non-negotiable: He is God. God cannot _____.
- Logic: Jesus cannot _____.
- Non-negotiable: Humans are _____. (Romans. 3:10-12)

Jesus not only experienced temptation, but also felt the _____ of temptation. Yet did not sin.

5. Reflect on the tactics of the enemy vs. the tactics Jesus uses to fight the enemy. What is the kingdom of God and how can living in his kingdom change the way you view God and others?

6. How can you and your community encourage each other to pursue a kingdom ethic in spiritual warfare and throughout everyday life?

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



How do we fight?

Ephesians 6:12; Psalm 20:7

The kingdom: Life with God under the rule of _____.

Three core practices to experience God's kingdom now:

_____ God's Word. ٠

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Temptation Chart:

Temptation	Matthew 4:3	Matthew 4:6	Matthew 4:8
Desire		God's	
Lie	God is not with your concerns.	God is	You can have what you want
Desire			
Ethic	Matthew 6:25-30	Matthew 5:4	Matthew 18:35

Resources:

- Live No Lies-John Mark Comer
- Celebration of Discipline- Richard Foster ٠
- The Spirit of the Disciplines- Dallas Willard

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. How did you view the devil when you were a child?

3. Looking at the temptation chart: How has the enemy used lies to distort who God is, who you are in relation to God, and what the good life means?