

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?

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?



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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.

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.
- _____.

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
- *The Spirit of the Disciplines*- Dallas Willard

