

# MATTHEW

# THE KING

## THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

### THE KING'S TEMPTATION

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*"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil."*  
Matthew 4:1 NIV

#### WEEKLY SERMON REFLECTION

- ◆ How did the sermon based on Matthew 4:1-11 – The King's Temptation – speak to you personally?
- ◆ Why is that important to you?
- ◆ What part of this truth is the biggest challenge?

#### START THINKING

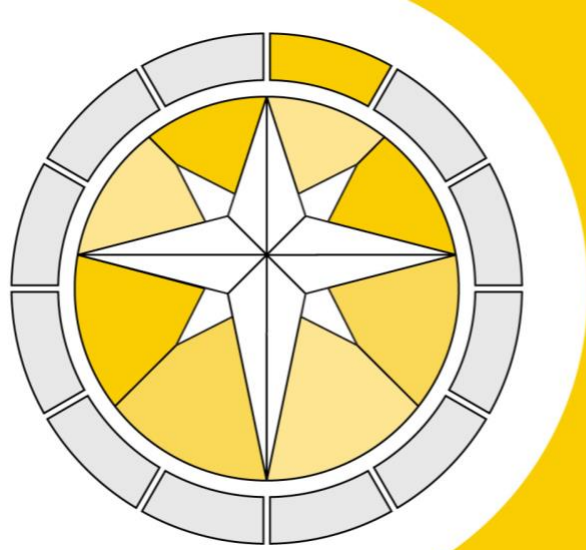
- ◆ When was the last time you talked about the temptations in your life with someone else? How much or how little time do you spend reflecting about temptation in your life? Why?
- ◆ How do you resist unhealthy foods, drink, or material possessions that you're tempted by the most in your life?

#### HEAD

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- ◆ What hits you when you read that Jesus "was led by the Spirit" to a specific place to be tempted? Do you think God leads you towards temptation?
- ◆ Describe Jesus' physical and mental state when temptation came. Why do you think this is important to understand?
- ◆ For each of the three temptations: What is its nature? What might potentially appeal to Jesus? What price would there be if he were to yield?





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- ◆ How does Jesus respond to all three temptations? How does Jesus' response challenge you in dealing with temptation?
- ◆ What is the difference between Jesus' use of scripture and Satan's?
- ◆ What does it say about who Jesus is and the amount of authority he has when he says, "Away from me, Satan!" and the devil leaves him?

### HEART

- ◆ This scene in Matthew 4 could be described as spiritual warfare. Where have you experienced spiritual warfare in your life?
- ◆ The result of Jesus relying on his Father's word is that God's angels finally came and attended to him (See Matthew 4:6 & 11). As Christ's disciple, is the quality and quantity of time you spend in God's word sufficient to equip you to withstand life's tests, as Jesus did? Why or why not?
- ◆ How does Scripture save you during temptation?
- ◆ Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13. What do these verses tell us about ourselves, and what do they state about God?
- ◆ What comfort does Matthew 4:1-11 bring your heart??

### ACTION

- ◆ Plan a date with your Life Group to hold a strongholds night like you did in Rooted.
- ◆ Take some time in your Life Group to write out a prayer of confession about the temptations you have yielded to. Also praise God for the example Jesus gives us to battle temptations.

