

## Kingdom Come

### *Exodus Reloaded (Mt. 4:1-17)*

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. 12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." – *Matthew 4:1-17 (ESV)*

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### Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What is temptation?

### Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 4:1-11. Why do you think the devil came to Jesus after He had been fasting?
- In Matthew 4:3, why would the devil try to make Jesus question that He was the Son of God?
- In Matthew 4:1-11, what three temptations did the devil offer Jesus? How are those things similar to what we are usually tempted by?
- Read Matthew 4:12-17. What did Jesus do after He resisted the devil's temptations? What did He say was near?
- Bonus Material: Matthew 4:18-22.

### Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- When do you feel at your weakness? What triggers seem to make you more vulnerable at times?
- Do you think to resist temptations you need more will power or skills? What did Jesus use against Satan? How can we use that as well?
- How did Jesus defeat Satan on your behalf in this passage?
- How can God's Word and the Holy Spirit help us when we feel weak?

### Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Think about some skills you can use when facing temptation. Make an action plan to escape temptation.

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.