



**Text:** Matthew 4:8-11

**Big Idea:** Striving for success always comes at a cost. We must recognize how we approach achieving success is as important as what we describe as success.

- Temptation for success causes us to seek legitimate goals by illegitimate ways.
- Temptation for success tries to remove God from the picture.
- Temptation for success exposes a worship problem.
- Reordering our desires reshapes our character.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does success if life look like to you? How did you come to that view? Has it changed over time? If so, how?
2. What distracts you from seeing God at work around you? How does that effect the way you think?
3. Since it was a temptation for Jesus, it must also be a temptation for us. In what areas of life are you tempted to place (worship) something above God? What do you do to effectively resist that temptation?
4. Throughout the three-part look at Matthew 4:1-11, we discussed different ways we can be tempted through our desires (even good and legitimate ones) to draw away from God. Discuss how you have or may be reordering your desires to be more in tune with God's will.