



# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## SERIES: SETTING THE STAGE PART 3 (11.05.2023)

### “BY WORSHIP AND SERVICE” MATTHEW 4:1-11

#### AT A GLANCE

For the third temptation, the devil offers Jesus literally everything. The world he had come to save was within his grasp. Jesus' response teaches us that there is no fulfillment in obtaining our goals through illegitimate means, even if they are the object of our greatest desires. Instead, Jesus declares that by prostrating (act of reverence) and serving God, we are in fact able to obtain the greatest fulfillment in life.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 again.

What do you think about Solomon's experience of life and his pursuit of all things in life?

Why does worship and service provide a greater fulfillment than all the “splendors of the world?”

Based on the three temptations and Jesus' response to them, Pastor Jaekuk surmised we should habitually ask these three questions:

- 1) How will I love the people in my life today?
- 2) What is God's way in this situation?
- 3) Does this honor and serve God?

Can you think of a time in your life when you would have done things differently had you asked either of these questions?

— Arthur Leonard Griffith in “God's time and ours” - writes something profound about the temptations we face:

“Satan tempts us at the point of our physical needs, not that we might gratify them to excess, but that we might think of nothing else, and satisfy them at the expense of our usefulness in this world. Satan tempts us at the point of our ambitions, not that we might engage in positive evil, but that we might simply accept the fact of evil, learn to live with it, come to terms with it, and maintain a quiet reverence in the presence of it. Satan tempts us at the point of our religion, not that we might disbelieve in God, but that we might demand certainty, that type of certainty of God that leaves nothing to faith, nothing to God himself.”

#### FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

When do you experience temptation the most? What kind of temptation are you most susceptible to?