All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

# BIG IDEA: Listening to the lies of the enemy opens us up to attacks.

**Luke 4:1-12** | ¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁿ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ፆ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." ⑨ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." ¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

## **Weak Points that the Enemy Attacks:**

- Our IDENTITY
- Our human WEAKNESS
- Our PRIDE
- Our TRUST in God

### **Battle-Tested Ways to Combat the Lies:**

### 1. <u>REALIZE</u> my identity comes from <u>GOD</u>.

**John 1:12** | Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

### 2. Know that God gives me WHATEVER IT TAKES.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** | No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## 3. BOAST in Jesus ONLY.

**1 Corinthians 1:31** | Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

### 4. TRUST God is WORKING on MY behalf.

Romans 8:28 | And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**NEXT STEP:** Acknowledge your weakness and commit to using Scripture.

# **Further Study & Discussion Questions**

## **Getting to Know You:**

- 1. What is one thing that really gets under your skin?
- 2. What is the wildest lie you have ever believed?

### **Quick Review:**

- 1. This week we talked about the lies that the enemy uses, what do you think are some of the lies that he has used with you?
- 2. Was there anything about this week's message that was surprising to you? What is the one thing you remember from the message?

## **Digging Deeper:**

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Jesus endures what every one of us fights with daily, except He did it perfectly. Satan tried to convince Jesus of so many lies, but He always responded with the truth of God's Word.

Do you know enough of God's Word to combat the lies of the enemy?

What are some ways you can strengthen your understanding of the truth that God has revealed to us?

### 2. Read Philippians 4:8-9

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To quiet the attacks of the enemy, we must have the right mindset. What do these verses tell us about keeping the right frame of mind?

What are some ways we can proactively remember God's truth before we are attacked?

### Application:

Identify the areas where the enemy tries to attack you. Find specific Scriptures that remind you of the truth of who you are and who God is. Memorize these verses and use them whenever you start to waiver in your thinking.

Share those verses with your group and help others find verses that might bring them peace in times of trouble.