



DEEPER ROOTS

March 10

Planting Seeds: Read Matthew 4: 5-7

These verses show the devil tempting Jesus for a second time. The devil even quotes scripture to try and slip Jesus up. Although Jesus is coming out of a 40 day and 40 nights fast, he is spiritually strong and ready to win this battle! We know that Jesus never gave in to temptation and that might be a little mind blowing to us living today. We can often find ourselves being tempted and falling short, but how comforting is it to know that Jesus knows our human struggles? When we feel overwhelmed by our sin or frustrated that we can't stop doing something, be reminded that Jesus knows what it feels like to be tempted. The way Jesus overcame temptation was knowing his Father and that the Word was true and powerful. When we have the Word of God in our heart, we partner with Jesus in being overcomers of the temptations in our lives. What is a verse you can memorize that can help draw you back to the Lord in moments of temptation?

Digging Deep: Matthew 4:5-7, 1 John 2:16, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9, John 10:27-29, 1 Corinthians 2:16, Romans 8:12-17

In our continued series, Temptations of Jesus, we see the devil entice Jesus to jump off the highest point of the temple. The temptation to essentially do something truly spectacular so people can see you for who you really are. We can sometimes find ourselves in the same position. An opportunity arises or a situation occurs when we have the chance to elevate ourselves and our talents. But there is an umbrella of protection when we do things Gods way. Jesus was confident in his relationship with his Father. He knew that he didn't need to show off his own abilities but trust in the timing of his perfect Father. Jesus resisted Satan's deception to compromise his identity. The culture of this world is constantly baiting us to do the same with our identity. With the Word of God tucked in our hearts, we can stand victorious like our Jesus against temptation. Have you pursued the Lord's heart and purpose for your life to know the difference in worldly opportunity and Kingdom calling? How can you rely on the strength of the Lord today instead of your own capabilities?

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church wants you to grow in The Word during the week of 3.10-3.15. Planting Seeds is a quick devotional and Digging Deep is a more robust study for you, your family, or your group. If you have questions or feedback, please email Terence@pioneerdrive.org.