

SESSION 1: Reading Scripture

Opening Question

What's the most meaningful thing someone has ever spoken into your life? Why did it stick with you?

Watch Lesson

Play video lesson for the group.

Scripture Reading

Read Matthew 4:1–10 aloud together.

Observation Questions

- 1. What three temptations does Satan bring?
- 2. How does Jesus respond to each temptation?
- 3. From where does Jesus draw His responses?

Interpretation Questions

- 1. Why do you think Satan targeted Jesus when He was hungry and physically weak?
- 2. What does Jesus' first response reveal about the sustaining role of God's Word?
- 3. In the second temptation, why does Satan use Scripture, and how does he misuse it?
- 4. How does the third temptation uncover Satan's ultimate goal?
- 5. What does this passage teach us about the necessity of not just knowing Scripture but understanding God's heart through it?

Application Questions

- 1. What "bread" do you turn to when your soul feels empty? How can Scripture replace or redirect those cravings?
- 2. Where do you see Satan trying to twist or misuse God's Word in culture today?
- 3. How could you build a habit of reading Scripture that goes beyond surface-level knowledge?
- 4. When have you experienced Scripture giving you strength in temptation or trial?
- 5. What will it take for you to treat Scripture as daily bread rather than an occasional snack?

Further Study Passages:

- Psalm 119:9–16, 97–105 Delight and meditation in Scripture
- Hebrews 4:12 The Word is living and active
- 2 Timothy 3:14–17 Scripture equips for every good work
- Colossians 3:16 Let the Word dwell richly in you

Challenge of the Week:

Pursue a daily rhythm of scripture reading this week. Start by reading 10–15 minutes a day and committing to not miss two days in a row. Try taking your daily rhythm of scripture reading even deeper by writing down one truth God reveals about Himself and one way you can live it out.

Prayer Guide:

- Pray for deeper hunger for God's Word.
- Ask God to give discernment to recognize Satan's lies.
- Pray for consistency in Scripture reading and for insight to apply it in daily life.