



Sermon Discussion Questions – March 8, 2020

Main Points

- Baptism is the start of our journey of faith, where we publicly profess that we believe that Jesus has died for our sins and was raised from the dead to give us new life.
- As someone who resisted temptation his whole life, Jesus is the best person we can learn from about how to do that.
- We resist temptation by trusting the Spirit's leading.
- We resist temptation by trusting God rather than testing him.
- We resist temptation by trusting God's timing.

Opening

- Eric opened his message with the studies that have shown that people think God is just like them. Why do you think that is? How can that be problematic for spiritual growth?

Discussion

- How would you define temptation? What is a good example of temptation from a movie that you've seen or a book that you've read?
- Why do you think it can be so hard to resist temptation, even when we're tempted to do something that conflicts with our core values?
- [Read Matthew 4:1-4.](#)
- Before the Spirit led Jesus to do a miracle or preach a sermon, he led him into the wilderness where he would be tempted. Why do you think he did that?
- What would have been wrong with Jesus making the stones become bread? How did Jesus face that temptation?
- Have you ever experienced a temptation like this? What would it look like for you to resist it like Jesus?
- [Read Matthew 4:5-7.](#)
- What does it mean to put God to the test? What would that look like in your life?
- What is the difference between trusting and testing God?
- [Read Matthew 4:8-10.](#)
- The devil offered Jesus a shortcut for what God had already promised him. Where are you considering a shortcut?

Closing

- Pray for one another and the temptations that each person is facing. Pray for the Spirit's strength to trust God's timing and leading.