

THE Early YEARS

Sermon Discussion Questions - October 10 & 12, 2025 Gospel of Matthew - The Early Years Matthew 4:1-11

Cornerstone Men

Cornerstone Men equips men to follow Jesus, connect in community, and grow in their faith.

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Cornerstone Women

Cornerstone Women's mission is to help women follow Jesus through growth in community at Cornerstone Church.

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RightNow Media

Cornerstone provides access to RightNow Media, so if your group would like to use their resources for a study, check out the site!

rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/cornerstonesi

Meal for Care Night

Each week, a small group provides dinner for attendees of Care Night, held on Wednesday nights. If your group is interested in serving in this way, email Gayle at gdwight@cornerstone.team.

Ice Breaker: *Temptation is something we all face, whether it's big or small.*

- **Q1: What's a small, everyday temptation that always seems to trip you up? (Like hitting snooze, scrolling your phone too much, snacking late at night, etc.)**

Read Matthew 4:1-11 together. This story shows how Satan uses temptation to test us—but God can use those same moments to shape our character.

- **Q2: Can you think of a recent time you faced temptation that actually revealed how much you've grown in your walk with Jesus?**
- **Q3: On the flip side, has a recent temptation shown you an area where your heart still isn't fully aligned with God?**

Sometimes temptation comes from a real need or desire—but that doesn't mean giving in is okay.

- **Q4: How are you tempted to justify your sin in moments or seasons of discomfort?**
- **Q5: Is there a specific situation right now where you're tempted to rush ahead or “make something happen” instead of trusting God's timing?**

Jesus was tempted with shortcuts—things like success, influence, and pleasure. We face those too.

- **Q6: How do you typically respond when you realize that Satan is using something in your life to pull your attention or devotion away from God?**

Because Jesus understands our struggles, we can trust Him in the middle of them.

- **Q7: Where do you need to trust God more deeply in your everyday struggles, instead of relying on your own strength?**
- **Q8: When you think about your own failures, how does knowing that Jesus has already overcome them give you hope today?**

Jesus didn't just resist temptation—He conquered on our behalf. He's not just our example, He's our representative.

- **Q9: Where do you feel like the Holy Spirit is nudging you to take a closer look at how you handle temptation? How could you respond to that this week?**

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!

Upcoming Scripture for Next Week: Matthew 4:12-25