Spring Groups Season Week 6

ORIGINS

PPLICATION QUESTIONS

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

APPLICATION

As we're continuing through the Bible in our *Origins* series, we've now arrived at the New Testament. Pastor Frank took us through Matthew 4:1-11 with a message entitled, "Heavenly Power for Earthly Conflict: Spiritual Warfare for Dummies." In this passage, we saw how Jesus was tempted by Satan and how Jesus handled this situation with power from heaven. We learned three important lessons about spiritual warfare.

1. Spiritual warfare is real

- Are you familiar with the term "spiritual warfare"? What comes to mind when you hear that phrase?
- Verse 3 says, "when the tempter came to Him", not "if the tempter comes". Spiritual warfare is not only real, it's a reality all believers face. What is your current level of awareness that spiritual warfare exists?
- What is one lesson that you learned from Jesus in this passage to combat the enemy? How can you apply that lesson to your life?

2. Spiritual power is required

- Spiritual warfare requires spiritual power. How is your spiritual "power-meter" at the moment? Why is that so?
- Jesus had spiritual power through fasting, time alone with the Father, and the scriptures. If you're feeling spiritually weak and depleted, what can you put into practice from the life of Jesus from this passage?

3. Spiritual victory is possible

- Share about a time in your life when you believed the lie that victory wasn't possible and the enemy felt too strong.
- Jesus stood firm, correctly quoted scripture to combat the devil, and commanded the devil to leave. Verse 11 tells us that, ultimately, the devil left Him. In the midst of your own spiritual warfare currently, how does Jesus' victory encourage you to stay in the fight?
- **PRAYER** Pray for the one (or many) in the group who are currently facing intense spiritual warfare.



