

**KNOW YOUR ENEMY...**

He's a good planner

He's patient

He's an opportunist

He's smart

**How did Jesus respond to the Chatterbox?**

Grounded in the \_\_\_\_\_ – Identity

Grounded in the \_\_\_\_\_ – Truth

**A VERY IMPORTANT LESSON LEARNED**

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

**DISMISSING JESUS...**

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NIV)

**The 3 Temptations of Jesus**

**Temptation #1 (4:3-4):**

The temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

**Temptation #2 (4:4-7):**

The temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

**Temptation #3 (4:8-11):**

The temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

GETTING STARTED

What is the best dish you can cook?

SUNDAY RECAP

The enemy is a skilled opportunist, a patient planner and a ruthless and cunning lion. He will wait until we are at our most vulnerable, take a kernel of truth and then twist it into whatever temptation will draw you away from God the most.

STUDY & SHARE

1. Read and reflect on Matthew 4:1-11. How did the passage relate to this week's message? How can you apply it to your life? Where do you see the enemy twisting the truth in your life?

2. Read Hebrews 4:14-15. When we struggle with sin, it is easy to forget that Jesus was tempted also. He is the Son of God, but the Bible makes it clear that he was tempted as we are. Jesus resisted temptation because he knew very clearly **whose** he was and had the **Word** in his heart. In what ways can this understanding of Jesus help you when you are facing temptation?

3. Which one of the three temptations mentioned in Sunday's sermon, do you most identify with (priority, popularity, or power)?

***"The long way around with Jesus is a whole lot better than the shortcut without Jesus."** - Christine Caine*

4. Read and reflect on Psalms 119: 9-16.

In your daily routine, how can you begin (or continue) to incorporate God's word?

WEEKLY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER & DISCUSS

What did you hear the Holy Spirit saying to you?

What do you need to own or adjust in your life in response to this week's message?

SHINE TO OTHERS

As you think about this week's message and your time as a group, what is one thing you feel the Holy Spirit is asking you to address in your life?

SUPPORT // PRAYER

God, thank you for your word and your truth. I pray I am always willing to hear you and your truths. Help me to shut out the chatter of the enemy. I ask you to help me to always stand against the temptations and fight with your Word.

Pray for those in your group as well as other needs within your group.

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