



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 1: Heaven to Earth  
Episode 3: The Temptation of Jesus  
January 22 & 25, 2026  
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**2026 - Spring trimester:** 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

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**THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN:** Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

**Share Wins, Praises and Prayers:** Where did you see God move this week?

**Action Step Review: Last week's action step:** *"John understood the point of his life was to point people to Jesus. This week, intentionally point someone to Christ — through prayer, a conversation, an invitation to church, or by sharing your testimony."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

**The Point:** Our enemy, the devil, is the father of lies. Do not believe the whispers but stand on the truth of the word of God. "It is written..."

**Sermon Text:** *Genesis 3:1-6; Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:1-11; 6:19-21, 24; John 8:31-39, 44; Romans 5:8; 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 2 Corinthian 5:17; Ephesians 6:10-17; Colossians 2: 13-15; 1 Timothy 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:14-15; 1 John 2:15-16*

## Discussion Questions

**Leaders:** Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

- **Read Matthew 4:1-11. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Describe the context and circumstances when Satan tempted Jesus. How do those details help you understand temptation and how to resist it? *(The enemy is: 1. A tempter, and temptation is tempting. 2. He's a liar. 3. He ONLY wants to kill, steal and destroy you. See John 10:10.)*  
**Deepen:** In what ways do you personally experience temptation more strongly when you are emotionally tired, spiritually disconnected, or physically exhausted?
- **Read Genesis 3:1-6. Discuss the similarities and differences in how the devil tempted Adam and Eve and how he tempted Jesus.**
- **Discover:** Read Romans 12:1-2. Discuss why you still face temptations even though you've been saved. *(The moment you were saved your heart of stone was changed to a heart of flesh – God's heart. But you were not given a new mind, past or family history. Your progressive sanctification happens over time, not overnight. Remember that temptation is not sin, giving into temptation is.)*  
**Deepen:** Discuss where you see evidence of God's sanctifying work in your life. *(You might notice temptations more because the Holy Spirit is convicting you of things you didn't used to think about. John McArthur put it this way, "As you grow in Christ, you'll sin less and feel worse.")*
- **Discover:** We're called to love God with all and fight the schemes of the enemy. How do you do that? *(Read John 8:31-32 and Ephesians 6:10-17. Renew your mind through prayer, read the Bible and abide in Christ.)*  
**Deepen:** How do you put on the armor of God and which pieces do you use the most?
- **Discover:** Read 1 John 2:15-16 and James 1:14-15. What are some of the lies the enemy tells you through his lures - the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life?  
**Deepen:** Discuss how Jesus is the only way to satisfy the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. *(When you abide in Jesus, He is the fulfillment for the lust of the flesh: a peace that transcends understanding. He's the fulfillment for the lust of the eyes: everlasting inheritance. He's the fulfillment for the pride of life: If you have been saved, your Dad is the King and you are a co-heir with Jesus.)*
- **Read Deuteronomy 8:3 and Hebrews 4:12. Jesus resisted temptation and the lies of the enemy by quoting scriptures, "It is written." Pastor Joby gave us some homework. Spend five minutes right now doing an internet search to find your "it is writtens" to fight the lies the enemy is telling you. Share as time permits. (Jesus modeled that God's Word is the final authority for truth. Victory over temptation comes from standing on the Word of God rather than trusting our emotions.)**

**Action Step:** Choose one "it is written" truth to overcome a lie of the enemy. Meditate on it every day, memorize it and share it with your group next week. (You can also use the app, "Word of God – Speak" to help find your "It is writtens.")

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