

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

JULY 10, 2022



ICEBREAKER

Share one thing you are most excited about this summer and why.

QUESTIONS

- How would you define temptation? (*The desire to do something wrong or unwise*)
- Give an example of a time when you willingly did something you knew shouldn't. (*i.e., speeding, cutting in line, impatient with someone, gossip*)

READ

1 Peter 5:8-10

QUESTIONS

- In your opinion, where does temptation come from? (*evil desires within us, Satan who draws evil out of us and into action*)
- What does resisting temptation look like in verses 8 and 9?
- From verse 10, how does God build you up after you are tempted?

Chad shared Satan's 3-Step Strategy for Temptation:

DOUBT – Satan creates doubt

DISTORT – Satan distorts the truth

DIVERT – Satan diverts plans with false expectations

READ

Genesis 3: 1-5

QUESTIONS

- Who is being introduced in Genesis 3:1 for the first time?
- In these verses, what is the significance of the serpent's removal of the name "Lord" when speaking with Eve? (The name Lord in Hebrew is *Yahweh* which describes a personal relationship with our Creator. The Hebrew word God is *Elohim* describes God's majesty or power. Satan left off "Lord" trying to remove or cast doubt about our personal relationship with God as unreachable)
- How did Satan's and Eve's responses in Genesis 3: 1-3 distort what God said in Genesis 2:16-17?
- Why is it important to not add, misuse, or take away from God's word?
- How does Satan divert Eve with false expectations in verses 4 and 5? (Satan distorts the truth with limitations creating a desire for something more)

READ

Genesis 3: 6-7

QUESTIONS

- Chad says, "We cannot stop temptation coming to us but we are responsible for what follows." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- When you have stumbled or done something unwise what prevented you from running to God?
- What areas of your life can we pray for you to stand firm in the grace of God and not give up or give in?

PRAYER: God thank you for giving us the strength and power to resist the temptations that come our way. Lord give us discernment to see the enemy working and help us to stand firm in our faith. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

LEADERS: Plan to share your story with the group next week. A great way to start this conversation is to consider the following questions:

Where are you from? Describe your family. What is something few people know about you? Describe your faith background (i.e, life before Christ, how you met Christ, and life after Christ). Describe a person or event that influenced who you are today.