

## **THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS (Matthew 4:1-11)**

**CONNECT**—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what was the favorite thing you did over the holidays?

### **DISCUSS**

Most of us have been in and out during the holidays. Which sermon or part of a sermon was most impactful for you from the last several weeks?

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What strikes you about Matthew 4:1-11? Is there something that particularly resonates with you or is particularly confusing to you?

The word "tempt" can also mean "test." Why is that important as we read verse 1 in our passage?

Jesus was tempted when He was hungry and right after a big spiritual milestone. Are there times or situations when you find yourself most easily tempted?

Satan most often deals in lies. He tends to tempt us to make good things into ultimate things. What are some good things that you tend to make into ultimate things? What are some of the lies that you believe about those good things?

How does Jesus fight these lies? What are some passages of Scripture that you return to as you fight temptation in your life? Read 1 John 4:4. Make a commitment as a Life Group to memorize this verse this next week.

What hope do we have, in light of this passage, for our own spiritual battles with temptation? How have you seen God use temptation to build spiritual strength in your life?

**RELATE**—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What are the lies in your spiritual life that most easily capture you? Have people in your Life Group help you to see truth from Scripture in this lie right now.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week?

What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week?

### **IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)**

Have everyone identify one main action step that they are going to take in light of this passage.