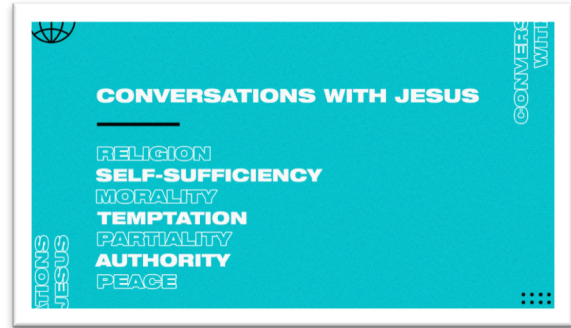


A CONVERSATION ABOUT TEMPTATION

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Resisting temptation, as Jesus did, comes down to a few simple choices.

- 1) Self-satisfaction or humble dependence? (v. 1-4)
- 2) Make my own truth or believe God? (v. 5-7)
- 3) Hold desperately to control or submit wholeheartedly? (v. 8-11)

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some situations in your life that have required you to set aside self-satisfaction? How are those situations related to God's ultimate purposes for your life?

If the Spirit of God led you into a time where family ties and personal life were at risk, what would it reveal about your devotion level? How could you use God's word to support you while you're being tempted?

How do you know when you're testing God instead of trusting him? Is there a situation that needs to move from testing to trusting right away? What should you do to be more consistent with trusting God?

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How did Jesus' extended time of fasting prepare him to submit control over his own life to God? What type of intentional fasting would help you submit to God?

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
(Hebrews 4:15-16)*