



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

July 25, 2010

Matthew's Gospel: The King and His Kingdom

Read Matthew 4.1-11

Open in prayer and discussion about events from the previous week. Begin your time reading Matthew 4.1-11.

1. In what ways does Christ overcoming temptation in the desert bring about a realization of Old Testament events? Refer to Genesis 3, Deuteronomy 8, Nehemiah 9.9-26.
2. Read Romans 5.12-19. What is the fate of those in Adam? In Christ? Knowing this, what should your response be (v.11)? How was this shown in your life this past week?
3. Describe the character traits that Christ exhibits during the trial. What can we imitate in Christ's temptation? Refer to Romans 5.1-5, Hebrews 2.16-18, 1 Peter 2.20-24.
4. Have you ever prided yourself in defeating a temptation? Describe a moment where this might have happened to you. What is the example of Christ? What are we called to rely upon when encountering temptation? Are there any areas where you are "inviting" Satan to tempt you?
5. Christ's example for believers is to abide in the word. This is more than just memorizing it. It's a personal connection with God's word and being able to relate it to everyday situations. It's a love relationship with the truth of Scripture. It means possibly rearranging other "loves" in order to give more attention to the greater one. Where in your life can you make room to abide in and know God's word more? Describe any successes you may of had in knowing God's word and using it to overcome temptation or difficult circumstances.

Close in prayer. Specifically pray that Christ's character would be continually formed in each one within the group. Challenge each other abide in the Word in order to overcome temptation this week.