LIFE GROUP CONTENT: WEEK 3

standing strong UNDER PRESSURE



READ MATTHEW 4:1-11

- 1. What stood out to you as you read?
- Have you ever considered there's a specific, desired outcome the enemy wants to produce in your life through temptation?
- Consider the agenda Satan had with Christ: twisting desire, causing doubt, deceiving, influencing decisions.
 - a. Read <u>verses 1-4</u>. What was Satan's agenda?
 - b. Read <u>verses 5-7</u>. What was Satan's agenda?
 - c. Read <u>verses 8-11</u>. What was Satan's agenda?
- 4. Where have you seen the tempter's agenda in your own life?
- 5. How does Jesus stand strong under pressure from Satan?*
- Pastor CJ highlights three areas where Satan will often tempt us: when we are strong, when we are HIT (hungry, isolated, tired), and with appealing opportunities.
 - a. What are the warning signs in your life when temptation is present?
 - b. How do you fight temptation in each of these areas?
 - c. Where have you experienced these temptations in your life?

*Hitting it Home

Jesus's victory came through the combination of complete reliance on the Spirit and exercising spiritual disciplines.

Spiritual Disciplines – practices and habits that grow your faith, strengthen your relationship with God, and make you more like Christ in your daily life.

Disciplines seen in Matt. 4:1-11:

- Prayer
- Submission
- Scripture memorization and study
- Fasting