



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
THE KING'S QUALIFICATIONS
MATTHEW 4:1-11

Introduction

1. An Allusion to Israel's wilderness testing
2. An example for disciples of Jesus
3. Jesus does what we cannot do

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *We acknowledged today that times of testing of temptation are common for followers of Jesus. What are some ways you have experienced this? Are there particular sins you struggle with? Are you experiencing a season of difficulty?*
2. *Jesus shows us that the best way to counter Satan's schemes in times of temptation or testing is by clinging to God's word. What are some Bible verses that might be helpful to you, related to your areas of weakness or struggle?*
3. *We've said that disciple is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed to the mission** of Jesus. This message focused on following Jesus and being changed by Him. We said that for some of us, we try to even make our changed lives happen on our own. Where is it difficult for you to trust that Jesus is changing you and to just let Him do it?*
4. *What is the encouragement for you from God in this message? Is there a challenge about your life of discipleship- your obedience in times of temptation? Is there an invitation to rest in His ability to do in you what you cannot do yourself? What is He saying to you as you consider this passage of Scripture?*

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. **Talk:** To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. **Look Back (session 2+)**

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. **Read & Re-tell**

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. **Look again**

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. **Inside me**

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. **Who else?**

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

4. **Look**

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