

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### The Temptation of Jesus (Mark #3)

Week of **March 22, 2020**

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

#### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is your favorite game? (Board game, card game, iPhone game, online, etc.)

#### DISCUSSION

**Read Mark 1:12-13**

1. Which persons/characters do you see in this story and what role does each person play?
2. What is significant about the wilderness?

**Read Matthew 4:1-11** (Feel free to split between two readers)

3. What are the three types of temptation Jesus faces?



4. How does Jesus combat each temptation?

#### GOING DEEPER

5. Tim Keller in his book *King's Cross* says the temptation of Jesus in Mark parallels the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. He explains the wilderness ties to the Garden of Eden (both had wild animals). But there is a major difference between Genesis 3 and Mark 1. What is that difference? And why is it significant?

*(If you'd like to go deeper with this subject, read Romans 5:12-21)*

#### MAKING IT PERSONAL

**Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

6. If you are a follower of Jesus, how can Jesus help you come through temptation? What "way of escape" can His Spirit provide?

#### MEMORY VERSE

*"For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."* (Hebrews 2:18)

#### PRAYER

*Close in prayer, asking God the Father to empower you through His Spirit to have strength to come through temptation.*

