

NEWS & EVENTS



CURRENT SERIES:

Week 2: In This Corner



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- ➔ Advance (more details during leader meeting)
- ➔ If any of your students are interested in getting baptized this semester- let Charles or I know!

CALENDAR:

➔BIG STUF- June 14-18!

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The Battle Within: In This Corner

Bottom Line: Every time you're tempted, your confidence in God is at stake, not just your self-control.

Message Overview:

When facing temptation, it seems like it's always about the choice, the decision, the temptation. But it's always about more than that. It's not just your reputation or your innocence that's at stake- it's your confidence in God. The lure of temptation makes us question whether we can really trust God to come through for us, to be there for us, to provide for us. We begin to think He's not in our corner, that He's not looking out for us. But what if we began to see Him there? What if we really believed that there was a God who was bigger, and smarter and more capable than ourselves? How would it change the way we view temptation if we acted like the most rational and logical thing was to submit to God rather than leaning on our own understanding? **Your goal this week is to help students see how every temptation is an opportunity to trust God or trust only in themselves.** Being able to trust God, to lean hard into Him might completely weaken the pull of a temptation, and it might help us get to the heart of what is really going on.

Scripture References: Matthew 4:1-4; Deuteronomy 8:3, 11-14, 17

Questions:

- 1.) What do you remember about our talk last week? Did anyone recognize a temptation they might not have recognized, or respond to a temptation in a different way because of what we talked about last week?
- 2.) Temptation is always a test of our faith. What does that mean?
- 3.) What are some areas of life where a student might be tempted to think, "If I don't take this into my own hands and do it myself, what I want won't happen."? (Maybe a relationship, acceptance with a group of friends, academic achievement, future plans etc.)
- 4.) Think of one area of your life (either an immediate thing or something more long term) where it is difficult for you to really trust God. In your mind answer the following questions:
 - Does God care about this particular thing in my life?
 - Do I think God is big enough to take care of this area of my life?
 - Can God be trusted to take care of this area of my life?
- 5.) Which question(s) did you feel most uncomfortable answering "yes" to?
- 6.) How does your view of temptation change when you view it as a question of whether God can be trusted to handle it and not a question of whether or not you get caught?
- 7.) How is your faith at risk when you give into temptation- even just one?
- 8.) What can you do this week to help you begin to trust God more?

The Next Step:

X/IO: Think back to how you answered question #6- take some time this week and pray about the ones you answer 'no' to. Or even pray about the ones that you struggled to say 'yes' to. Take some time this week and just talk to God about some of these issues, give Him a chance to ease some of your doubts.