

WEEK 3: JANUARY 15-21
DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

 **MEETING AGENDA**

1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Matthew 4:1-11 NLT 1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. 3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" 8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” 10 “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” 10 “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” 11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What did you learn from what we just read?



GROWTH PRINCIPLE #1

Everyone will face temptation and can overcome it through Christ.
(v. 1)

- Even Jesus had to face temptation and overcome it to accomplish His mission on earth.
- DEFINITION - Temptation: an enticement to do something that goes against God's will or principles
- We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us, including overcoming temptation
- Turning away from our sin is called repentance and is generated through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- “Change your thinking, change your life.” - Marco Garcia

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- God will never allow us to face a temptation that He has not already empowered us to overcome.

1 Corinthians 10:13b (AMP) ... He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability to resist, but along with the temptation He will always provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy.

- *FACT: We can resist and overcome every single temptation that we are facing through the power of Jesus Christ within us.*
- *KEY TO VICTORY - One of the ways to be spiritually strengthened to overcome temptation is by developing the discipline of fasting.*



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What are some of the temptations you have overcome and are overcoming through the power of Jesus Christ?



GROWTH PRINCIPLE #2

The only way to overcome temptation is by speaking the Word of God. (v. 4, 7, 10)

- Jesus responded to every temptation by declaring what the Scriptures say.
- Speaking the Word of God activates the power of the Holy Spirit in us to overcome temptation.
- Speaking the Word of God is how we take authority over tempting thoughts and desires.
- You will not overcome any temptation by your willpower, complaining about it, or feeling sorry for yourself.
- The spoken Word of God is our spiritual weapon to overcome every tempting thought and desire of the devil.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV) 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- “Whatever you are speaking has control of and power over your mind.” - Marco Garcia



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

How does speaking the Word help us overcome temptation?



GROWTH PRINCIPLE #3

Before we can speak the Word, we must know the Word.

- Knowing God's Word is a major key to overcoming temptation.
- The Word of God in our hearts and in our mouths is how we overcome the temptation to sin.
- Jesus spoke the Scriptures that He already knew. It was already in His heart.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

- We get the Word of God in our hearts and the power to obey it through hearing, studying, and meditating on it.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT) Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

- Before we can overcome temptation and live an obedient life, we must fill our minds and hearts with the Word of God.



INTERACTIVE QUESTIONS

What are you doing right now to get God's Word in your heart so that you can overcome temptation?



CLOSING QUESTIONS

What is one thing from today's lesson that you learned and will apply this week?

GIVING

The joyous, intentional generosity that springs from a grateful heart reflects the essence of God's love and blesses both the giver and the recipient.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

PRAYER



QUESTION #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?



QUESTION #2

Who can you invite to the next meeting?



QUESTION #3

What are your prayer requests?