

Life Group Discussion Guide - Week Of June 3rd 2018
Purpose & Position Paradigm

Reminder: *This is the last week of the Life Group session. We encourage groups to stay connected relationally through the summer if possible. Everyone should feel free to take the initiative & invite others to connect if you have something going!*

** This weeks message dealt with 3 of the 4 layers Dave is covering out of Matthew 4 (The Temptation Of Jesus) - Lets unpack some of these layers.*

Read Matthew 4:1-11 aloud in your group:

In this passage Jesus was being tempted by Satan.

Q? Why do you think the Spirit led Jesus into this scenario? Why did it happen before Jesus began his ministry? **Thoughts?** _____

Q? Dave talked about the difference between being “**Tested**” & “**Tempted**”. Can you remember the difference between the two? **Discuss:** _____

James 1:2-4 Says - 2Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

1 Corinthians 10:13 Says- No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Q? How do these 2 verses help shape our paradigm about testing & temptation? How do you draw hope from these? **Explain:** _____

Q? Can you think of a time in which a testing of your faith produced a promotion or advancement in you or for you? **What did it look like?** _____

* *There is another layer of understanding within the Matthew 4 temptation of Jesus. Dave talked about the TEXT - CONTEXT & PRETEXT we see in this passage.*

Q? Can you remember the difference between these 3 & how they played out in the passage? * *Hint - Satan uses the TEXT of Scripture to tempt Jesus & Jesus defends against it with the TEXT of Scripture.* - **Discuss:** _____

Q? How can believing the TEXT of Gods word without knowing the CONTEXT be a dangerous thing? Can you give any examples? **Discuss:** _____

* **Lastly:** *The 3rd layer discussed on the temptation of Jesus was "Temptations' Triple Threat". Eve faced it in the Garden of Eden & Jesus is facing it in the wilderness.*

1 John 2:16 says- For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world.

Q? In Matthew 4:1-11 Where do you see these 3 temptations being used against Jesus? (Lust of the Flesh, Lust of The Eyes & Pride of Life?)

- Close the discussion time by finding where these 3 strategies were used against Jesus in Matthew 4 & discussing how these 3 temptations are used against us in real life scenarios - **Discuss:**

Close your group by praying as you sense the Spirit leading you.

PS: Don't miss next Sunday as we dive into a powerful message on the 4th Layer Of Matthew 4!