

WAR OF WORDS

50 DAYS WITH JESUS – PART 2

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What was the best lie you ever told before the age of 20?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Brainstorm: What have you heard attributed to the Bible, but actually isn't in the Bible? (hint: Don't make fun of people who are just learning some of this as you discuss! 😊)
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Who would war of words your favorite athlete and your favorite musician?
- Are you doing the reading plan? How is it going? What light bulb moments have you had?
- Read Matt 4:1-11 aloud. If we didn't have this insight, how would you have thought this battle would have transpired? Who would play Satan in the movie? Jesus?
- What does it show you that Jesus doesn't fight Satan with His own power, but with God's Word?
- Describe the implications of Jesus being tempted.
- Temptation #1: Why would it be "wrong" for Jesus to turn those stones to bread?
- When have you been tempted to do something good/acceptable in a wrong way? What was the outcome?
- Temptation #2: Why not just jump? What is Satan trying to get Jesus to do?
- How has Satan misused the Scripture in your life to tempt you to sin?
- Temptation #3: Short cuts are always enticing. What movies can you think of where the devil makes a deal with someone? Why are these "opportunities" so hard to reject?
- How will you allow God's Word to be the deciding factor when you face temptation?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, I want to know you more. Open my heart, mind, and spirit as I read your Word. Plant deeply inside of me that which will bear fruit that pleases You. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Uh, this one is easy. Do the reading plan! www.flagchurch.com/jesus

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.