

Journey to the Cross @ Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sermon Based Small Group Plan

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: “Temptation”

Preaching: Rob Douglas

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

Open in Prayer: Lord Jesus, We come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn every day we have life, as we are obedient to God’s word and call upon our lives. In Jesus’ Name

Fellowship Question: If an agent of a foreign power wanted you to turn over state secrets, how might he or she weaken you?

Take Time To Read The Scripture: in Matthew 4:1-11 and Genesis 2 and 3 passages

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- What is the nature (or human need) of the three temptations that Jesus endured in Matthew 4:1-11?
- What is the price of yielding to each of the temptations?
- How are these temptations connected to Jesus’ baptism?
- What is your greatest temptation at this point in your life?
- How can you help others with their temptations?
- How do your temptations help your faith to grow stronger?
- What is the quote that you want to write down related to temptation for the season of lent?
- How will you be different in lent to prepare for Easter Sunday?

The Challenge: To live for the kingdom of God even when we are tempted to do otherwise.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find a new pastor.
- Pray for WPC and our shut-ins who need prayer support.
- Pray for the SYF students as they are at camp and returning from camp on Sunday.

Mission Encouragement for the winter:

- The shelter still needs sleepers for the rest of the winter season – connect with Nicola
- Thanks for all the support for Manna and your gifts of food.

Leader notes:

- Join us for our Evensong Services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 during Lent.
- Remember to let your group know that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos on Monday’s - thanks to Paula! Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.