

## Applying God's Word

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**This Week's Passage:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Corresponding Sermon from King's Church:** "Battle In The Desert"

### Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

### Going Deeper

1. Read **Deuteronomy 9:1-12** together. What does this passage say about the nation of Israel and their lack of faithfulness to God? What does it say about God's grace despite their failures?

What does it say about why Jesus needed to come? How can you rest in Christ's finished work as you seek to fight temptation?

2. In reading Matthew 4:1-11 it becomes clear that Jesus is reversing the failures of Israel. He is succeeding where they failed. Of course, we are no better. Look at **Exodus 17:1-7** together as an example. How are we like Israel in this example?

3. In our passage Jesus appeals to the Word of God as our means of spiritual sustenance. And it is with the Word that he defeats Satan's attacks. How can this help us as we face temptations in our lives?

What specific temptation or struggle are you needing to fight against *right now*? What does the Word of God have to say about that struggle? What specific verses can you use as you fight against this sin? (Use the concordance in the back of your Bible to help you find applicable passages, or ask your group for help.)

#### Prayer Points

1. Ask God to help you genuinely acknowledge your neediness before him and to help you look to Jesus for help.
2. Ask him to produce in you a desire to battle temptation, knowing what it cost Jesus to do so in his life.