

1. Get Acquainted: Icebreaker

- Are you aware of evil in the world? ... in you?
 - The apostle Paul says in Romans 7, “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep doing.”
- When was the first time you sensed there was evil in you?

TimO’s example: What is a shirt between brothers?

Growing up Mrs. B, our family friend, would always give Ted and I Munsingwear shirts for our birthday. They were the ones with the penguin logo. Well, my 13th birthday was on a Tuesday and I got a really great shirt from Mrs B. I was so excited about it that I decided I would save it for our school trip on Thursday so I could impress the new love of my life, Cathy Dragonet. She was as much trouble as her name but boy oh boy she was cute. Anyway, Ted had a dentist appointment on Wednesday morning, so he got to sleep in while I got dressed and went to school. As you guessed, later that day I passed Ted after 4th period in D Wing at Southwest Junior High on my way to Mrs. Stower’s 7th Grade English class and he had on my brand new Munsingwear shirt. I HATED HIM WITH EVERY CELL IN MY BODY. Bang, right then and there I knew where evil was and it was in ME, in MY heart. A shirt had come between me and my best friend and favorite person in my world. A shirt, I hated over a shirt. Ugh! Evil revealed.

2. Kingdom Centered Prayer: Lord, Lead Us Not Into Temptations

List the ways you are tempted using the 10 Commandments. Now pray, praising God that he will not and cannot lead you into any evil but confess ways that you have followed Satan’s temptations. Deut 5:7-21. TimO Paraphrase to help with my week memory.

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| 1. No other Gods. | 6. No Hate |
| 2. No Images. | 7. No Touch |
| 3. No name in vain | 8. No Take |
| 4. Keep (cherish) Sabbathing | 9. No Talk |
| 5. Honor Authorities, study to find good | 10. No Want |

3. Mission: What is your Mission? What is your Ambition?

- Define Ambition
 - What or who is the source? How is it good, valuable and beneficial?
- Define Mission
 - What or who is the source? How is it good, valuable and beneficial?
- Jesus’ ambitions served his mission.
 - What are you like when you set your heart that God exists to fulfill your ambitions?
 - Or What are you like when you realize you exist to fulfill God’s mission?

4. Worship: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Favorite Verses – Ps 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Ps 137:6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! I Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Some thoughts:

- Global Population 7,250,000,000 x 10,000 reasons = 725,000,000,000,000 trillion reasons to bless the Lord if all were Christians
- Developing the “skill” of gratitude - each day at 7p I try and list 20 new reasons to thank God and at that rate it would take 500 days or 1.37 years to reach 10,000

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Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before

Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forever more

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name
Worship Your Holy name

5. Sermon Reflection: The Life of Christ Series – His Mission

Luke 4:1-13 (ESV) ¹ And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”’” ⁹ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹ and ““On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ¹² And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Intro: How did God bring you to realize that you are on an all-expenses paid mission trip and not an all-expenses paid vacation? What were the circumstances?

The Main Characters

- Jesus – The image of the invisible God who made everything, the God of Good Design
- Satan – The nasty, selfish, diabolical, mean, underhanded worker of evil
- The Wilderness Showdown vs Evil’s Ambush
 - How does it comfort you that Holy Spirit set up a showdown for Jesus with Satan?
 - How does it cause you to worship that Jesus overcomes evil’s appeal?

How did we get here?

- Following our parents Adam and Eve, we have fallen into sin and rebellion.
 - God – has a plan to redeem us from our sin and rebellion
 - Jesus – has accomplished the forgiveness of sin on the cross and fixed our ruin by his righteous life
 - Holy Spirit has applied the work of Jesus, his life, his death and his resurrection to us.
- Satan’s Strategies in the Showdown in the Wilderness
 - Physical Attack, Hunger, Bodily created desire – Make Bread, DIY
 - What are physical needs, by created design, that you “take care of yourself” rather than waiting on God satisfied with his provisions?
 - Mission fulfillment without suffering – Kingdoms of Earth are YOURS
 - How have you or are you attempting to fulfill the mission of God in your life without suffering, without dying?
 - Throw Yourself Down – Can God really be trusted?
 - Satan wants Jesus to make a demand of God.
 - Where are you now trusting in Satan and Evil practices rather than trusting and resting in God?
- Why do we choose Satan’s Ways over Jesus’?

Jesus' Faithfulness

- Jesus fulfills the mission of God with joy and love
 - Where are you doing, but not loving, the mission God has assigned you?
 - Ask God to give you repentance, faith and love. Right now.
- Evil is happy for you to make either of these conclusions.
 - Think so little of evil that you say
 - "I will never do that again."
 - "Oops"
 - "I did not mean to do it."
 - Or think so much of Evil
 - "I can't help it."
 - "I had too."
 - "That's just who I am."
 - How have you believed because evil is greater than you it is greater than God?
 - How have you believed so little of an evil desire that you could control it yourself w/o God?
- Jesus
 - Forgives your sin and wrong
 - Gives you a perfect record of righteousness
 - Changes your appetites or wants – a new heart

How have you been enjoying Holy Spirit's work of applying Jesus' work to you this past week?