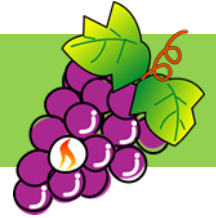




LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 4th June 2023



Matthew 3:13-4:11 Jesus came to serve, fight and win

Warm Up

Have you ever been in a fight? Did you win? Share your story (if you are able).

Background and context

Jesus' baptism and temptations are well known stories and sometimes we can gloss over them to more glamorous events. When we do this we miss out on understanding the key to Jesus' mission. They reveal the big picture of why Jesus came to earth and lived amongst us.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.



1. John's baptism was about repentance, so why did Jesus insist on being baptised if he had no sin?
2. Read Psalm 2:7 onward and Isaiah 42:1. How do these relate to the 'Voice from heaven'?
3. Read: Isaiah 49:1-6, Isaiah 50:4-9, and Isaiah 52:13—53:12. (along with Isaiah 42, these are known as the servant songs) How will Jesus establish His new kingdom?
4. Jesus has chosen the path His father wants. How do the temptations reveal the challenges He would face during his life?
5. Obedience, trust and worship. How are these three words revealed in Jesus' responses to Satan?
6. How are the same words key in Jesus winning the battle for our souls?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



7. How do we face the same temptations as Jesus? How should we respond?
8. The Holy Spirit led Jesus from the Jordan to the desert, from hearing God's voice to hearing Satan's. How can this give us hope in our spiritual journey?
9. Why should Revelation 19:11-16 give us hope and assurance that Jesus has won?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying.