



SMALL GROUPS |

CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE	DATE
The Baptism and Temptations of Jesus. Mark 1:9 -13 Victory in Jesus	November 22, 2015

The Baptism of Jesus:

1. Read Mark Chapter 1 to put you into context.
2. What were the four things we discussed last week from Pastor Kevin about chapter 1:1-8? (Refer to last weeks lesson)
3. In Mark 1:9-13 what are the two major events?
Baptism definition: baptism by immersion is an outward expression of an inward reality.
4. Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John? Matt 3:15
5. What significance does Jesus baptism have for you personally?
6. How can our personal baptism bring us victory?
7. What effect does disobedience have on our spiritual and emotional life?
8. If you are not baptized what is holding your back? How did Pastor Kevin say this could be overcome? See the command in Matt 28:19-20 for all believers to be baptized.

The Temptation of Jesus:

Temptation definition: to be put through a trial to demonstrate character and commitment.

- Jesus was faced with many temptations over the 40 days. Following Jesus' example in dealing with temptation can bring us victory!

1. Read Mark 1:12 to 13
2. Who took Jesus to Satan to be tempted?
3. What was the purpose of the temptations?

4. When do temptations often happen to us?
5. Read: Matthew 4:1-12; Luke 12:1-13
6. What were the three temptations detailed in 5 above? Who was in control of the temptations? How did Jesus respond?
7. What is the relevance to you today?
8. How do you handle temptation? How should you handle temptation?
9. Read Hebrews 4:15. Who is your high priest and why is he able to sympathize with us?

Notice:

A. that victory over temptation for Jesus and us is through our dependence on the Comforter the Holy Spirit of God who permanently indwells all believers. Sometimes the Comforter leads us to uncomfortable circumstances to show us where our true comfort is!

B. Notice also the importance of knowing the word of God.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Cor 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Men/Women:

- i) What areas of your life are you the most vulnerable?
- ii) How can you prepare yourself for victory in your next temptation?

- This week make contact with your accountability partner and pray with one another. Share your prayer needs with your partner and your gender group.
- Remember growth in Christlikeness through accountability is depended on how much you are willing to trust your deepest secrets and needs to your partner and gender group!
- Pray to the Comforter to raise your level of trust.