



Week 10 (July 5-11): Lesson Guide

Open In Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Ask the group to recall the guidelines for discussion that we use to create a safe environment.

Ask someone to retell last week's story from Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan).

Ask someone on your team to read the Hook Question - Ask, "Recently the Supreme Court redefined the legal definition of marriage in our country. What are some of the strategies the supporters of this decision have used to influence this change in our nation?"

Ask someone from your team to read the following background for the story:

Today's story is set at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus has just been baptized by John the Baptist, and now the Spirit is leading him into the wilderness where Jesus will be tempted by the enemy.

The Bible teaches that Satan is the father of lies and a deceiver from the very beginning. He is an enemy of both God and all mankind. Satan's desire is to kill, steal, and destroy as many people as he possibly can. His greatest weapon is not swords or bullets, but lies and deceit. He uses lies to influence the minds of people and make them his captives. Satan and his evil forces are schemers; planning, looking for the best opportunities to strike. In today's story, Satan attacks Jesus with lies when he is physically exhausted. In his attack, he perverts the Word of God and He seeks to destroy Jesus. How will Jesus stand against His enemy? Let's find out.

Tell the story from Matthew 4:1-11

Rebuild the story – (Group members tell the story based on what they remember)

Read Matthew 4:1-11 – (Ask the group to read these scriptures)

Discuss these questions:

- Who is the enemy? What are his strategies?
- How did Jesus win over his enemy?
- Are you winning? Celebrate victories or be transparent in your struggle.
- What strategies is the enemy using against you? What do you need to do to win?

Ask for a volunteer to retell the story one last time.

Ask for a volunteer to tell the story next week.

Prayer Requests (ask someone in the group to take notes so you can email the requests to the group)

Pray (don't feel the need to mention every request in prayer again, just pray for the group and send the email)



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Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- Retelling the story reinforces the message of the story through repetition. At this point, the group has heard the story told by you or another group member, they have helped to rebuild the story together, they have read, or heard the story read straight from the Bible, and they have discussed ways in which the story applies to their lives. This final reiteration will help firmly plant the story in their mind and heart near the end of your time together.
- Asking for a volunteer to retell the story after discussion time each week also gives you the opportunity to involve more group members in the story telling process. Even a more introverted group member may be willing to retell the story after hearing it and discussing it several times during group. The more engaged each person becomes with the story during group, the more it will be imprinted on their heart to apply outside of the group setting.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- Jesus makes it clear that in order to lead we must be humble servants. In Mark 9:35 He says, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.” Think about the way you interact with the members of your group. Are you showing humility and serving them and meeting their needs? Find a practical way to serve your group this week.

Developing [grow as a disciple yourself]

- “Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” Love endures many things without giving up. Love does not resort to anger or revenge even when slandered or injured or betrayed... or hung on a cross. Love is constant and true, always and forever, no matter what!
- Go back and read all of 1 Cor. 13:4-7. One more time, substitute your name for the word love in this Scripture. Have you found this exercise difficult? Try substituting the name Jesus. That is much simpler, right? As believers, we have Jesus with us always, so we can tap into the reserves of His love when our human self runs dry. We also benefit from His example as shown in the gospels. If you question how you should love someone, look to how Jesus modeled it for us during His time on earth. We do not get to pick and choose from the characteristics of love we want to embrace and display. This kind of love is a way of life.

Lesson from The Met’s Leadership Coaching Guide:

<http://themetonline.org/content/uploads/2014/12/All-of-Us-Week-6-Peters-Sermon-at-Pentecost.pdf>