

Unveiled | Week 7 | February 16, 2025

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Big Idea: Jesus unveils the Word-dependent and Spirit-empowered life.

Questions for Connection (Offer these to help start the conversation)

- 1. If you had to choose something to give up in your life (favorite food, drink, TV, sports team, etc.), what would be the hardest cut out?
- 2. If you've fasted, what's the longest you've ever gone without food? How was that experience?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- 1. What are the temptations Jesus faced in this passage? How does Satan use Scripture in this passage? How does Jesus counteract him?
- 2. Can you recall a time in your life when you were obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading and he guided you to a place that was life-giving? How has he used that obedience to build your faith?
- 3. How can we practice spiritual disciplines as a way of life rather than just a method to get results? What's the difference between living dependently on God's Word and Spirit daily allowing God's story to shape how we think, versus simply using spiritual practices when we feel like we need them?
- 4. Satan is a created being who desires Jesus to worship him. Why do we end up worshiping the created instead of the Creator? Share a time when you put something created above worshipping Jesus, the Creator.
- 5. Ask Jesus, "How can I keep my heart undivided in worshiping and serving only You?"
- 6. What impacted you in *Live It Out* over the last week?

Spirit-empowered

God has given us His very presence – the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct our lives. It is the Spirit of God who empowers us to follow Jesus.

Question:

- How do you personally seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment in your daily decisions? What does that look like practically?
 - * Make sure to include time to pray together as part of your group's time. *