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Sermon Discussion Questions

Matthew 4:5-7 // The Temple Temptation

- When have you ever faced a test you absolutely wanted to pass? What was the test for? What character qualifications did you need in order to pass the test?
- How is the test in the wilderness designed by God to reveal Jesus' character and qualifications? How does the devil seek to undermine Jesus' character in his temptations?
- Read the second temptation (Matthew 4:5-7). What is the devil tempting Jesus to do? Is this about a show of power, or a grand gesture proving Jesus is the Messiah? Why or why not?
- How does the devil misuse Psalm 91? How are we attempted to mis-apply Psalm 91 ourselves? What other psalms bring balance to how we understand Psalm 91?
- How are we tempted to mis-use Scripture like the devil did?
- What's the significance of Jesus being at the "highest point of the temple"?
- Pastor Joey said "this temptation is about being in the very presence of God, and rather than *resting* in God's presence, Jesus is being tempted to *test* God's presence." How does Jesus respond?
- Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6. What context is his quote in? How does that context help us understand what Jesus means when he uses this quote?

- How can you tell the difference between resting in your relationship with God versus testing your relationship with God? How does that difference show up in your actions, your attitudes, and your prayers?
- How does your community around you help you to rest in your relationship with God?
- Pastor Joey said we have already received the greatest proof of God's love that we're every going to get. What is that proof, and how does it show you God loves you?

