

Christmas

AT CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH

Facing Temptation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Key Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This week is our second message in our 'Christmas is More than a Holiday' series where we're learning how Jesus was not just a baby born 2,000 years ago, but that He's a living Savior who helps us in our daily lives. We live in a world of great temptation. But what if our temptation is not what we think it is? Maybe our biggest temptation is to give in and give up. We're tempted to be discouraged, to be discontent, to be impatient, stingy, jealous, greedy, and countless other ways that we are tempted to either give up or give in. This week we learn how Jesus helps us get up and go on in the face of temptation. When we hold firmly to what we believe and come boldly to God in prayer, we can live expectantly for all He has for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a CV Life Group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Are you more likely to give in or give up?
3. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What does it mean to you to have Jesus as your great High Priest?
4. How might our relationship with God be different had Jesus not been "tempted as we are"?
5. According to Matthew 4:1-11, how did Jesus respond to each of Satan's temptations?
6. When you're tempted, what difference does it make to know that Jesus was tempted and so sympathizes with your weakness?
7. How does Jesus' victory over temptation give us hope? See also Heb. 2:18. Is it hard for you to believe you can overcome temptation?
8. Practically speaking, how can we approach "the throne of grace" and draw near to God?
9. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others do the same?

NOW WHAT?

This week, listen to God first.

