

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Jesus' Temptation

Reading: Matthew 4: 1-17

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (AM)

1. What exactly is temptation and in what ways do we see Jesus tempted?
2. *"The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist" (actually a quote from The Usual Suspects)... so how does the account of Jesus temptation bring into sharper focus the reality of temptation, the Devil and spiritual warfare? (cf. 1 Peter 5:8)*
3. How might the nature of temptations change or remain the same over time? How might they be different for new and for mature Christians? (cf. consider Hebrews 12:1-6 as an encouragement to keep going!)
4. How does Jesus overcome temptation? How is his example and the 'tools' he uses instructive for us?
5. How practically might we encourage one another to resist temptation? How does Jesus encourage us? (cf. Hebrews 4:15)

*Extra: What does James 1:2-18 teach us about temptation? Noting especially v.13-15 and the way in which 'trials' and 'temptations' are used interchangeably.*