

# SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 1/20/13

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## Matthew 4.1-11

**Purpose of SG:** to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

**2013 Annual Focus:** Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

### SG Discussion Questions:

*Focus: to present Christ as the sinless Son of God, who chose to suffer in obedience to the Father in order to become our Savior and...to challenge people to know and commit to the Word of God as their safeguard in temptation.*

- Read Matt. 1.1-11. What do you learn about the devil from this encounter? What do you learn about Jesus?
- What insights do you glean about temptation from this encounter? What is Satan really after with each of these temptations?
- What do you think makes Satan concede each time? What insight do you gain from Jesus' three responses as a pattern for how you should respond to temptation?
- How do you do at engaging the tempter with the Word when you are tempted? What spiritual practice do you need to use more to be able to use the Word more powerfully when you are tempted (reading, study, memorization, meditation., etc...)?
- When your group splits for accountability ask: what bait is most tempting to you right now? What is at stake? What needs to be your response? What Scripture must you commit yourself to and commit to memory?