



We are continuing in our “Smile” series, where we are focusing on the joy of the Lord. This is a great series to invite our unchurched friends to so please encourage your folks to consider who they might be able to invite!

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

Let’s also keep praying for the refugees and for our summer trips to Berlin. Let’s pray specifically for fundraising, as teams only have a month left to raise support!

FACING TEMPTATIONS

Last week we studied a key verse from Romans 12:2 where Paul said to the people, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Intro question: How were you transformed this week as you intentionally sought the renewing of your mind?

This week we’ll be looking at Jesus’ temptation by Satan from Matthew 4:1-11. All of us face temptation and how we face temptation is a key to joy. See attached for a printout you can provide to your lifegroup members. For each of the three temptations, have your LG discuss how Satan tries to tempt Jesus and how Jesus responds.

Application Question: In what ways does Satan try to tempt us? Based on how we saw Jesus respond to Satan in this passage, how should we respond?

Break up into groups of 3-4 to share and pray with each other about responding well to temptation. You may want to split into gender specific groups.

Matthew 4:1-11 – Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness

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