

Sermon Study Guide

March 4th, 2018

BITMOJI—Life is Tempting the Different Faces/Emotions of Life.

ICE BREAKER:

- ⇒ **When you think of the word temptation, what thoughts go through your mind?**
- ⇒ **In what ways have you seen temptations show up in your life?**
- ⇒ **What do you think makes temptations so powerful?**

LIFE IS... TEMPTING!

- ⇒ **READ James 1:1-4.** According to this passage... **WE CAN HAVE JOY IN TRIALS.** Is this how you see the trials in your life?
- ⇒ What “produce” do you see in your life because of the trials you face?
- ⇒ What is the end goal of the testing of your faith?
- ⇒ Do you see this “full effect” (vs 4) in your life or the life of another Christian?
- ⇒ What does that look like when you see it?
- ⇒ **READ James 1:13-15.** According to this passage... **OUR DESIRES ARE THE CAUSE OF OUR TEMPTATION AND SIN.** What are those desires and how do we keep them at bay?
- ⇒ What is the difference between the testing of our faith which causes spiritual growth and the temptation that causes sin and death?
- ⇒ **READ 1 Corinthians 10:13.** According to this passage... **GOD PROMISES A WAY OUT.** Have you seen this in your own life? If so, what does that look like?
- ⇒ If endurance keeps a “test” from becoming a temptation, how do Christians do that?
- ⇒ What are some examples of Christian endurance?
- ⇒ What, if any, expectation do Christians have when having endured a test?
- ⇒ What if in enduring there is more suffering?
- ⇒ **READ Matthew 4:1-11.** **Jesus is our example.** What were the three temptations really all about and what did Jesus do to not fall into sin and fail the test? (*Satan will tempt us to distrust God, he'll tempt us to presume on God and do whatever we want and just expect God to pick up the pieces. And thirdly he'll tempt us to ambition to fulfill our ambition in our own way.*)
- ⇒ What examples from your own life have you seen these show?
- ⇒ Do you ever feel alone as you go through a test or temptation? If so, why?
- ⇒ Why do you think Jesus created and gave us the church? (This small group?)
- ⇒ What do you think we can do as a small group/church body to make sure no one goes it alone?

- ⇒ **BRINGING IT HOME: The Christian life is a battle, how prepared do you feel you are?**
- ⇒ If knowing and understanding God's word is the how Jesus defeated Satan, what steps are you taking to do maintain your preparedness?