



NS LIFE GROUPS

Hook, Line, and Sinker (Week 2) – “Ambush Point”

Luke 4:1-13

March 8, 2020

Main Idea: How the enemy uses temptation and keys to overcome temptation

Icebreaker: What (non-sinful) indulgence is a strong temptation for you? (*A certain food, hobby, nice product, activity, etc.?*)

Study:

Read Luke 4:1-13 and use the following points and questions to discuss this week’s sermon.

1. How the enemy uses temptation:

- Satan tempted Jesus right after his baptism (v. 1). Why do you think the enemy often tempts us right after a spiritual mountaintop experience? Have you ever experienced this? How can you prepare yourself to win against temptation in those scenarios?
- Satan tempted Jesus when he was physically hungry. The enemy knows our weaknesses. Reflect (*you don't necessarily have to answer out loud here*) on what your spiritual weak points are.
- In verses 5-7, Satan tempted Jesus with power, riches, and fame. What are some of the fleshly desires that the enemy most often tempts us with?

2. Keys to overcome temptation:

- One key to overcome temptation is to **know who you are**. What does **John 1:12-13** say about our identity in Christ? In what way does knowing our identity in Christ before God equip us to be successful against temptation?
- Another key is to **saturate your life with God’s Word**. Jesus quoted Scripture in verses 4, 8, and 12 as a defense against temptation. Why is your life being saturated by God’s Word such an important tool against temptation? Would you say that your life is saturated by God’s Word or not?

Application:

1. Take a moment to reflect (you don’t have to answer out loud, but you can if you want to). What is the enemy’s ambush point in your life? What is your spiritual Achilles heel where you are weakest?
2. What next step of obedience can you take to make your heart and mind more saturated in God’s Word?
3. What is one next step you need to take in response to today’s discussion?

Close your group time with intentional prayer for each other and for our church. Pray that God would help us overcome sin when Satan attacks us at weak points in our lives.