



## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: *There Is An Enemy!*

Service Date: February 4, 2024

Text: Genesis 3:1-5

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- Have you or someone you knew ever told a white lie? If so, what was it? Was there ever any remorse or was the feeling "I got away with it" more prevalent?

### **Sermon Discussion**

- Read Matthew 4:1-11. After reading the passage, what things are brought to "light" about the way temptations work and our human nature? Do you see anything in common with struggles individuals have today to those Jesus encountered?
- The Bible says that Jesus was tempted in every way and yet was without sin (Hebrews 4:14-16). Each person is tempted in different ways. Why do you think this is?
- If sin goes against what God desires, why does He still allow us to have a choice between Him and disobeying?
- Do you think temptations change throughout seasons of life (i.e. what may have tempted someone when they were a teenager is different when they are an adult)?
- As we become more mature in our faith, does following Jesus and resisting Satan become easier in life or more difficult? Why?
- In today's society, sin is often no longer just permitted but endorsed. How do you see sin and those things that go against the Bible being endorsed in the world around you? How have you seen this progression occur in your lifetime?

- How do you think Satan uses “little” sins to make us gradually think that we’re not doing anything wrong? Do you think we can then develop a habit of sinning and not know we’re doing anything wrong?
- If sin wasn’t appealing, no one would give in to it. What role do you see Scripture, prayer, and being actively involved in Christian community play when it comes to helping us guard against earthly temptations?
- Knowing that Jesus conquered sin and death through the grave/resurrection and that one-day God will vanquish Satan forever, how does this change the way you live your life?
- If Satan ultimately knows his eternal fate from what the Bible says, do you think it causes him even more to go against what God desires for us, as His creations?
- Ephesians 6:10-18 shares how we can arm ourselves every day to fight for our lives. Where do you feel most ready to fight spiritual battles in your life? Where do you find it most difficult (location, with certain friends/relationships, etc.)?
- If we are saved from sin, why do we still struggle with it?

**Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit [tri-village.org/yourstory](http://tri-village.org/yourstory) and share how God worked.