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**Temptation, Trials, and The Christian Life**

Mark 1:12-15

**Jesus Is The Foundation And Example of The Spirit Filled Christian Life:**

1. Jesus is obedient to God in submitting to the Baptism of

 John.

2. Jesus is obedient to the Holy Spirit in being led into the

 wilderness.

3. Jesus is triumphant over Satan by submitting Himself to

 the authority of the Word of God.

4. The temptation of Jesus reinforces His distinction as the

 Son of God.

**John the Baptist From The Wilderness To Prison:**

1. John had his followers and his detractors.

2. Ministry is not a popularity contest, it’s a call to

 surrender.

3. Success in ministry doesn’t look the same for everyone.

**Lessons We Can Live By:**

1. The Christian life is not an easier life. **Matthew 7:13-14**

 A. We will have battles to fight. **Ephesians 6:10-12**

 B. We will have temptations to overcome. **James 1:13-15**

 1. It not a sin to be tempted, it’s sin when we yield to

 sin.

2. Sometimes the center of God’s will is in the middle of a

 storm.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Surrender to God’ will, repent and Trust in Jesus Christ.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read MARK 1:14-15: Jesus said repent and believe the gospel. How are the ideas of repentance and faith connected in the gospel?

What was controversial about what Jesus was teaching? How might His first audience have understood this teaching?

This week we saw through Jesus’s example that being in the middle of the storm may actually be right where God has led us. What can we learn from the following passages about how we might benefit from these challenges?

James 1:2-4:

1 Peter 1:6-7:

2 Corinthians 1:3-6:

Which of the Scriptures above are the most encouraging to you and why? Which one is most challenging?

Read Hebrews 4:14-16: What can we learn from the temptation of Jesus Christ?

Read Philippians 1:27-30: What mistake do we make when we tell new believers that the Christian life will be easy? How can that cause someone to doubt their salvation?

1 Corinthians 3:5-9: God requires us to be faithful in ministry. Why is it important that we not covet, compare, or compete with others in serving God?

Read Hebrews 10:24-25: How does meeting together with other Christians help us resist and overcome temptation?