



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1

Introduction:

We will be spending our time from now until Easter taking a deep dive into the person & character of Jesus. This week we are focused on Jesus as a game changer. There is no part of our lives or society that can't be radically changed by an encounter with Jesus.

Scripture:

Luke 4:1-12 - Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me."

Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has Jesus been a game changer in your life?
2. In tempting Jesus, Satan goes after his hunger, his power, and his trust. Which of the areas of temptation do you feel most susceptible to?
3. Jesus overcomes temptation through a deep connection to God & scripture. Do you have a habit of connecting to God through scripture?
 - When do you feel most connected to God?

Take the Next Step:

How can you better connect with Jesus this week? How can you express gratitude? Who can you serve? How can your actions be a game changer for someone else?