

Growth Teams

**Week Beginning
Sunday 30th April 2017**

Going deeper

The Bible doesn't say a lot about Satan, but when he is portrayed he is shown to be a real and personal force. The most famous story about Satan is of course his tempting of Jesus in the wilderness.

Read Matthew 4:1-11

5. How is it an encouragement to know that Jesus faced temptations? (cf. Hebrews 4:15)
6. What was true about what Satan says in the first temptation (4:3)? Why would it have been particularly tempting for Jesus?
7. What clear priorities does Jesus focus on in his response to Satan? (vs. 4)
8. Jesus uses the Bible in each of his responses, but in the second temptation Satan also quotes from the Bible. Is just using a verse from the Bible a good justification for something? Why not? How do we use the Bible properly?
9. Why did the devil eventually leave Jesus alone? (cf. James 4:7)

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

Growth Team News

The daytime Growth Teams are back after an Easter break for 4 weeks.

There are no evening Growth Teams running at present, but from Tuesday 9th May there will be a series of talks called, 'Disciples of All Nations', 7pm in Church. We are also developing plans to relaunch evening Growth Teams in September. Please see the noticeboard by the coffee serving area for more details.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Does it matter what you believe about Jesus?

2 Corinthians 11:1-15 (page 1164)

Space to take notes on the talk

❖ Paul and the _____

❖ Paul, the _____

✓ _____ for Christ

✓ Committed to _____

✓ Unmasking _____

Starter question

- ❖ Can you think of an example when people were saying wrong things about you? How did you feel?

Responding to the talk

1. Which point from this week's talk did you find most encouraging, confusing or challenging?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
 - a. In what way is Paul being foolish? (cf. 10:12 and vs. 5-6)
 - b. Why does Paul feel he needs to be 'foolish'? (cf. 12:11)
 - c. How does Paul describe his ministry in these verses? Is this a helpful way of thinking about Christian ministry?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:5-12
 - a. What was it about the other preachers that made them seem 'super'?
 - b. What 'knowledge' is it that Paul has that is more important than impressive speaking abilities?
 - c. What was Paul committed to continue doing? Why?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - a. Why shouldn't it be a surprise that people who claim to be apostles are teaching lies?
 - b. Why is it important for us to know the ultimate fate of the false teachers?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. You are uneasy about what someone has said about Jesus in a sermon. How do you decide whether you or the preacher are right?
11. A friend has become very excited by an evangelist she has seen on a TV channel and is talking about sending lots of money. How might you advise your friend?