

5 weeks, 5 principles, one book, and that's it. A fresh approach to spiritual growth straight out of the book of James.

Growth Questions for 1/17 – 1/24

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. What are some of the common temptations people give succumb to?
3. Does everyone deal with temptation? Why do some seem to deal with it more successfully than others?
4. Why do we often blame God when we are tempted to sin?
5. What does it mean to be *lured* or *enticed* by desire?
6. How did Jesus deal with temptation? Read and discuss Matthew 4:1-11 and Matthew 6:13.

Proclaim...Reach...Connect...Go
Living on Mission

1. Consider the circumstances and situations your neighbors and coworkers find themselves in this week. Take time to speak words of encouragement and faith into their lives.
2. Shortly after Jesus' temptation he engaged with the mission. How can partnering in God's mission this week help combat temptations you will face?
3. Take time this week to pray for the following...
 - Ask God for strength and endurance to resist the temptations that you will deal with this week.
 - Thank God for meaningful relationships that motivate you to make right decisions and encourage you toward godly living (Prov. 27:17)
4. Important Info
 - **1/18/10 - Community Groups Begin**
 - E-Vite – www.martinsburgchurch.org | Invite Cards
 - Volunteer Opportunities – www.martinsburgchurch.org
 - Bible Reading Plans – www.martinsburgchurch.org

Essential James Principles

Principle 1

Wisdom comes from God and it enables you to live a life pleasing to God and at peace with others.

Principle 2

Temptation does not come from God, but the strength and ability to resist temptation does.