

# Leader Guide

For week of January 12, 2025

Title: "Our Deliverer"

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Series: Jesus Only

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## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### Satan's 3 Stage Strategy for Defeat

1. Deceive: God Doesn't Care About Me (v1-4)
2. Divide: God Doesn't Know What's Best For Me (v5-7)
3. Destroy: God's Given Up on Me (v8-11)

### Jesus' 3 Step Strategy for Victory

1. Identify the Lie: Name It! (v3, 5-6, 9)
2. Insert the Truth: Claim It! (v4, 7, 10)
3. Because He is my Everything (v8)

## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Conference 2025: February 8, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM \$40
- Student's Winter Camp 2025: February 14-16, \$199
- Women's Conference 2025: March 8, 2025, \$40

## GROUP DISCUSSION

### SHARE: Get Them Talking

- Have you ever felt like you were in a spiritual battle? Briefly share how you responded in that moment.

*Encourage honesty and keep the conversation moving—this question opens the door for reflection without needing perfect answers or long stories.*

### STUDY: Get Them In The Word

- Read Matthew 4:1-4. What do you notice about how Satan tries to deceive Jesus in this passage? How have you experienced the enemy using similar lies about God's care in your life?  
*Encourage the group to focus on how Satan twists truth to create doubt. Guide them to share personal experiences, keeping the conversation honest yet uplifting, centered on God's faithfulness.*
- Read Matthew 4:5-7. How does Satan twist Scripture in this temptation? What are some ways you've seen truth distorted in today's culture, and how can you stay grounded in God's Word?  
*Lead the group to recognize how Satan distorts Scripture by taking it out of context. Focus on the importance of being immersed in God's Word, and emphasize staying grounded in truth. Consider personally studying 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (how God's Word equips us) and Psalms 119:105 (how God's Word guides us) to prepare.*
- Read Matthew 4:8-11. What was Satan offering Jesus in exchange for a shortcut to glory? Where in your life are you most tempted to take shortcuts rather than trusting God's plan?  
*Help the group recognize how shortcuts often appeal to comfort or control. Encourage honesty but keep the focus on trusting God's timing rather than personal failures or regrets.*

## **STUDY: Get Them In The Word (continued...)**

- Which of the “10 truths about your identity in Christ” shared in the message do you struggle most to believe? What would change this week if you fully embraced that truth in how you think, speak, and live?

*Encourage openness while reminding the group this isn't about shame but growth in Christ. Affirm God's grace and help explore practical, everyday ways to live out these truths.*

- Read Colossians 1:13-14. Since Jesus has already delivered you from darkness, what's one area of your life where you need to start living in true victory?

*Guide the group to reflect on freedom in Christ without focusing on past failures. Encourage hopeful, forward-looking responses that highlight the power of Jesus' victory in their daily lives.*

## **SUPPORT: Get Them Caring For Each Other**

- Looking at Jesus' response throughout Matthew 4:1-11, what practical steps can you take this week to “Identify the Lie, Insert the Truth, and Trust in God's Plan” during spiritual battles?
- How would you like the group to pray for you this week?

## **LEADER'S HEART**

This week we dove into Matthew 4:1-11, where Jesus stands firm against the enemy's lies, showing us what true victory looks like. As you prepare to lead, remember that your role is not to have all the answers but to encourage your group to trust in Jesus—our only true deliverer.

Spiritual warfare is real, but we don't fight for victory. We fight from victory. Jesus has already defeated the enemy and secured our freedom. Encourage your group to lean into that truth this week as you guide them.

As you lead, create space for honest conversations. Some may be facing personal battles or struggling to trust God's care and timing. Gently point them back to Scriptures like 2 Corinthians 2:14, Psalm 20:7, or Isaiah 41:10 as the source of truth and hope.

## **OUR PRAYER FOR YOU:**

Lord, empower our leaders to lead with grace and courage this week. Fill their conversations with truth, hope, and reminders of Your victory. Strengthen them to trust You more deeply themselves and overflow that to their group. Amen.

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**2 Corinthians 2:14**