



Part 3: Power vs. Humility

Jesus calls us to be a people of love. That's a beautiful thing but it isn't easy. And when we struggle to see the power of love, one of the greatest temptations is to try to control.

Ice Breaker

Do you have a special way your family typically celebrates at Easter? What are you most looking forward to on Easter Weekend?

Read Matthew 4:8-11

1. What do you think this temptation is about how does Jesus deal with the temptation?
2. Why do you think Jesus responds with a quotation (from Deuteronomy 6:13) about worship? Do you think there is a connection between who/what we worship and our use of power?
3. Many commentators say that all 3 of Jesus' temptations are about misusing power. What are some of the ways that we see power being misused in our lives and the world around us?
4. In what areas of life do you have power (authority, influence, etc.)? This might be at work, in your family, or in another context. What does it (or would it) look like to surrender your power to serve the people around you?
5. On Sunday Dave said, "Our greatest temptations are not bad things, but to misuse good things." Do you agree or disagree? What are some examples to support your opinion?

Moving Forward

What is one thing that has stood out to you from this teaching series? Is there one way that you can think or act differently based on what you've learned?

Pray

As we approach Easter, pray that we, as a church, would be prepared for what God wants to teach us or remind us of this season. Pray for guests/visitors that might be coming to hear about Jesus for the first time or the first time in a long time!