



# ***Growing In Knowledge:***

## ***How To Think Like Jesus***

### ***Life Group Study from Matthew 4:1-11***

#### **I. Time of Sharing and Prayer – 10 Minutes**

Icebreaker: *What are some amazing things you enjoy about October?*

After everyone has shared, go around the group, and for those who are willing, simply thank or praise God in a sentence for one thing that has been a blessing or encouragement to them this week.

#### **II. The Bible Discussion – 50 Minutes**

Learning and sharing Bible stories is a key part of discipleship. Occasionally in our Life Groups, we will take time in the study discussion to try and master a story. The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness is a story we all should know and understand. (If you have children nearby, this might be something they can share in also.) Follow the roadmap given below.

1. 5 Minutes – Read through Matthew 4:1-11 twice, in two different Bible versions.
2. 10 Minutes – Now take time allowing 2-3 volunteers to see if they can retell the story in their own words. Other group members can follow along in their Bibles, and if the person gets stuck, offer some hints or guidance to help them.
3. Discuss The Verses
  - a. (5-7 Minutes) What do these verses teach me about God (Father, Son or Spirit)? No Sunday School answers! Or if you give a Sunday School answer, go deeper with the thought.
  - b. (5-7 Minutes) What does the passage teach me about human nature? About me?

15-20 Minutes – In this week’s teaching, we talked about the “3 Levels Of Knowledge” which Jesus shows that he has mastered in the story. For each level, define it, rate yourself, and discuss some ways you can grow in mastering it.

**Level 1: Jesus could think Biblically.**

A. What do we mean by this?

B. How would I rate my ability at this level?

Very Weak 1 2 3 4 5 Very Strong

C. How do we grow in this? Key Word: **Read**.

**Level 2: He could think Theologically.**

A. What do we mean by this?

B. How would I rate my ability at this level?

Very Weak 1 2 3 4 5 Very Strong

C. How do we grow in this? Key Word: **Reflect**.

**Level 3: He could think Transformationally.**

A. What do we mean by this?

B. How would I rate my ability at this level?

Very Weak 1 2 3 4 5 Very Strong

C. How do we grow in this? Key Word: **Respond**.

### III. Complete an “I will...” statement – 5 Minutes

*In light of this discussion, this week by God’s grace I will...*

### IV. Praying For Each Other – 15 Minutes.

Write down requests below, then remember to pray for and check in with each other during the week.

### V. Group Schedule, Ideas, Notes, etc. – 10 Minutes

Write down in this space anything practical related to your life group upcoming get-togethers and connections.