



Week 2: Hungry

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Sermon Notes: Week 2: Total Devotion — Hungry

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.” Matthew 4:1-2

1.1 FORGETTING GOD

“Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.” Deuteronomy 8:2

*“He humbled you, causing you to **hunger** and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known....” Deuteronomy 8:3*

*“In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.”
Exodus 16:2*

*“The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to **starve** this entire assembly to death.'” Exodus 16:3*

1.2 FORGETTING OTHERS

*“The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become **bread**.'” Matthew 4:3*

2.1 REMEMBERING GOD

*“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on **bread** alone, but on every **word** that comes from the mouth of God.”’” Matthew 4:4*

*“He **humbled** you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to **teach** you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”
Deuteronomy 8:3*

“Temporal bread..., after which the whole world scrapes and scratches, endures only until the last crumb is eaten, and then everlasting hunger sets in.”

Martin Luther, Complete Sermons, V:316

2.2 REMEMBERING OTHERS

*“Therefore **go** and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you” Matthew 28: 19-20*

GO, BAPTIZE, TEACH

NEXT STEPS: A Fasting Challenge – Part 2

- Skip one meal this week (if you are medically able to do so)
- Spend the time reading Psalm 119
- Share the Journey

*“I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.*

*I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.*

*Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.”*

Psalm 119:10-12

Connect Group Discussion Guide: Week 2 —Hungry

OPENNING

- Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why did he or she have such an impact on you?

Leaders note: Be prepared to share your own story, in case the group needs a jump start.

GOING DEEPER

- Read Matthew 4:1-4. What was wrong with the devil's suggestion, that Jesus make bread from the stones around Him?

Leaders Note: It might be helpful to listen again to this sermon online, as it seeks to address this question.

- Read Exodus 16:2-3 and Deuteronomy 8:2-3? How was Jesus's experience in the wilderness similar to the children of Israel's experience? How was it different?

Leaders Note: Key in on their shared experience of hunger, and their differing responses to the situation.

- Describe an experience when you realized how much you needed God's Word? It's OK if you can't think of one right away. Listen to others share their experiences, and it may jog your memory.

CHALLENGE

- Were you able to participate in the Fasting Challenge, Part 2? If so, describe your experience to the group.

Leaders Note: Leaders should try to complete this challenge before meeting as a group, so that, if necessary, they can start jump start the conversation.

- How can we stimulate and deepen our hunger for God's Word?

Leaders Note: If the group gets a little stuck here, let them talk about some teachers or books that have inspired them to study God's Word.