

# Truth In Tension

## Leader Guide | Week 1

**NOTE TO LEADERS:** This is sermon-based Life Group Material. If you have not seen this week's sermon, we suggest you watch it before hosting your Life Group.

### Key Things You Heard

- God's way is the best way.
- If God's way is the best way, then anytime we are examining God's way it is good for us.
- God's way is the best way in every area of our lives: heart, soul, relationships, finances, work, family issues, marriage, and navigating sexuality.
- Wesleyan Quadrilateral.
- You can be tempted and not sin.
- Teleological: An explanation of something that refers to its end, purpose, or goal. Telos (end, purpose, or goal) Logos: word, explanation, or reason.
- Every sin is a deviation from God's best for us.
- Paul says hard things in the Bible. But he says it with an eye to his own shortcomings. Maybe we should do the same.

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- SAY: "Share about a time this past week when you shared with someone the change God is making in your life or when you told someone about Jesus."

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### Look Up

- Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**.
- Why must we know that we can be tempted and not sin?
- What does it mean that Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are?

**NOTE TO LEADERS:** In the wilderness, Jesus was tempted by Satan. These temptations included the lust of the flesh (Turning stones to bread.) Lust of the eyes (The splendor of the world's kingdoms.) And the pride of life. (Jump...you are so important, God will save you.)

In the garden (Genesis 3), the temptations were the lust of the flesh (Eve saw the tree was good for food), the lust of the eyes (the fruit was pleasing to the eye), and the pride of life (the tree was desired to make one wise. The desire to be like God.)

Jesus was indeed tempted in every way, just as we are. Any temptation you can think of will be in one of these three categories.

- Read **1 Peter 3:15**.
- Explain why, as believers in Jesus, we must answer people with gentleness and respect?
- Clayton said in this week's sermon, "The closer you are to the sin and the person, the more you bend the truth. The further you are from the sin and the person, the harder you hit on truth." What does this mean? Give an example of each.
- Read Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; and 1 Timothy 1:8-11. Choose one or two of these passages and answer the following questions:
  1. What did you like about this passage?
  2. What did you find challenging or hard to understand in this passage?
  3. What did you learn about people?
  4. What did you learn about God?

### Look Forward

- Pass out one index card and a pen or pencil to each participant. Instruct them to pray this prayer. "God, how can I obey and apply what I have learned in my time in the Word today?" Then, have them write down what they will do before next week. Finally, challenge everyone to do what needs to be done. Next week, everyone will share what they learned about themselves and God through obeying Him.