Talk it over…with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

Think through some of the deserts experiences you have had. What has been the most difficult aspect of those times? How have you been tempted during those times?

When do you think you are most vulnerable to temptation?

Are there any particular ongoing temptations that you face?

Joe mentioned that the three temptations Jesus faced could be categorized as (1) to accept the good versus the ultimate good, (2) painting God into a corner, and (3) taking compromising shortcuts. Which of these do you think would have been most difficult to Jesus? Which of these would have been most difficult for you?

Can you think of examples where scripture has been taken out of context and misused in your life or someone else's life? What is the best way to deal with that situation? What's the best way to be prepared for that situation?

What has been most helpful for you in dealing with temptations that have come your way?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Discuss that verse and how God has provided a way to "stand up under it" (the temptation) for you.