

1. When was a time in your life that you knew the right thing to do, but you didn't do it?
2. Out of all the things that Jesus asks us to do, which do you have the most trouble with?
3. Pastor Bill said that about 50% of people who say they are Christians do not believe that the devil or Satan is real. What do you think about that?

Isaiah 14:12-14 - *"How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. ¹³ For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. ¹⁴ I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'*

4. What do these verses teach us about the Devil?

Luke 22:31-32 - ³¹ *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

5. Luke 22:31-32 are Jesus' words to Peter. What do you think that Jesus would say to us about the devil?
6. What does this verse indicate about how Satan can influence us?

Genesis 2:15-17 - ¹⁵ *The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."*

Genesis 3¹-5 - *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

7. How did Satan tempt the woman (Eve) in these verses?
8. In what similar ways might he tempt us?
9. Why do you think that God put the tree on the knowledge of good and evil in the garden?

Pastor Bill mentioned 3 lies that Satan tells us:

- Freedom means no rules
- Openness to every spiritual thing is good
- Trouble and hardship in life means that God is is not Good and doesn't care/

10. Why are each of these lies?
11. Which of these lies is most tempting for you?
12. How can we combat lies in our lives? (How did Jesus combat lies when he was tempted? – See Matthew 4:1-11)

1 Peter 5:8 - *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

13. Why is it important to be alert in regards to Satan's schemes?
14. What do you find is the best way for your to be alert in regards to temptation?