

Small Group Discussion Sheet

Title: Jesus' Strategy Begins – Week 2

Icebreaker:

- *When starting something new, what helps you stay focused and committed?*

Main Idea

Jesus is tested, He tells others the gospel, and He makes disciples – and so should we.

At the very beginning of His ministry, Jesus models a strategy that shapes our own lives as His followers.

Tell it, Rebuild it, then Read the Passage

Mark 1:12–20 aloud together.

Observation Question: What sequence of events do you see as Jesus begins His ministry?

Discussion 1: Jesus Is Tested

(Mark 1:12–13)

- Where does the Spirit lead Jesus, and why is that significant?
- What do you notice about how Jesus faces temptation?
- Why is testing often part of spiritual growth?

Evaluation Question: How are you currently enduring temptation in your walk with Jesus?

Discussion 2: Jesus Tells the Good News

(Mark 1:14–15)

- What message does Jesus proclaim?
- What does Jesus call people to do in response to the Good News?

- How can repentance and belief be lived out daily?

Evaluation Question: Are you intentionally proclaiming the Good News of Jesus — through your words, actions, or both?

Discussion 3: Jesus Makes Disciples

(Mark 1:16–20)

- How does Jesus call His first disciples?
- What do the fishermen leave behind to follow Him?
- What stands out about the immediacy of their response?

Evaluation Question: Are you actively making disciples by helping others follow Jesus?

Application: A Discipleship Checkup

Use Jesus' example as a personal evaluation tool:

- Enduring Temptation: Where do you need to rely more on God's strength?
- Proclaiming the Good News: Who might God be calling you to share the Gospel with?
- Making Disciples: Who are you investing in spiritually?
- Take time to allow everyone who would like to share one takeaway or action step. Be patient and allow time for the Spirit to speak to us during this time.

Prayer & Commitment

- Pray together for faithfulness in temptation, boldness in proclamation, and obedience in disciple-making.

- **Closing Thought: Jesus' strategy at the beginning of His ministry is still His strategy today — transformed lives that proclaim the Gospel and make disciples.**