

Sermon Discussion Guide
First Things First – Week 4
Where the Wild Things Are
October 10, 2021



Big Idea

The temptation is to do the right thing in the wrong way. How is it with your soul?



Icebreaker

What is one food you'll never turn down?



Discussion Questions

1. Do you tend to think of the soul as part of your identity or do you consider it as a separate thing that only matters after death? How does our soul interact with our mind and body?
2. Read **Matthew 4:3-4**. Jesus was tempted with self-preservation and looking out for himself above all else. Why is it so easy to put ourselves above others? What actions can we take to give more priority to God's kingdom work?
3. The temptation of self-preservation was possible because Jesus was hungry. What are some things we hunger for that the enemy can use to tempt us with? How do we satisfy that hunger in a healthy way?
4. Read **Matthew 4:5-7**. Jesus was tempted to prove his worth by seeing if he would be divinely rescued from harm. Have you ever tested someone to see what they really think of you? Where should we find our worth?
5. Read **Matthew 4:8-11**. Jesus was tempted to cut corners and claim the kingdom through Satan rather than through suffering on the cross. If you're willing, share a time you cut corners and what happened as a result. When have you seen benefits from doing things the right way?



Concluding Questions

There were many spiritual forces present during the temptation of Jesus (Satan, angels, the Father, and the Holy Spirit). How often do you think of spiritual warfare? How do things in the unseen affect the seen? Do you think there is spiritual warfare happening over you right now? How is your soul?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Resiliency during temptation
- Identifying footholds of sin
- Maintaining spiritual health
- Watermark's worship teams