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BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:

- · I John 2:18-29
- · 2 Corinthians II:3
- · I Timothy I:5
- · Luke 9:62
- · Hebrews 10:35-39
- · Luke I5
- · Matthew I3:1

BIBLE STUDY:

- · Read Matthew 4:I-II
- · Who are the main "characters" in these verses?
- · Why did Satan use Bible verses to tempt Jesus?
- Does it surprise you that Satan knows and uses Scripture to twist and change how we see and act?
- Why is it more dangerous for Satan, demons and misguided humans to distort Scripture rather than to commit to outright lies?
- · Based on this knowledge, what can you discern from this lesson?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- · Who speaks into and influences your life? News, social media, friends, family, coworkers, etc...?
- Pastor Rick said, "...if you are listening to anyone who says something different about Jesus other than what the Bible says, you are on dangerous ground." How do you know what Jesus said? Are you Biblically grounded enough to be able to discern truth?
- Do you use extra-Biblical sources to help you study the Bible? I do. Have you considered the theological background and viewpoints of the author or authors? Why is that important?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? He was born of the virgin Mary? Lived a sinless lift? Died on the cross for our sins? Raised from the dead three days later (in physical form, not just spiritual form)? Ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God?
- · How have you seen the world change and twist the previous statements?
- · Why is the Gospel a simple message? What is the Gospel message?
- Have you been part of a Bible group that turn to "fruitless discussions?" What were those discussions?
- Do you hold your Sunday School teachers, pastors and other church leaders accountable for a Biblical message? Or do you trust what they say implicitly without verifying what they are saying?
- · What does it mean as a Christian to be a "self feeder?" What are the dangers in being a "self feeder?"



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- Pastor Rick made a controversial statement amongst Christians, "Not everyone who starts [in his or her faith journey] will finish." What do you think of that? What does the Bible say?
- Pastor Rick said, "It's not a question of whether we take a detour it's a question of how long we take the detour." What does this mean?
- · Why do people walk away from Jesus?
- · Read Matthew 13:1-9
- · What are the different sown seeds? How do they pertain to life in faith?
- · Are you persevering?
- Does your life reveal your heart?
- · Is your heart in love with Jesus?