

Spiritual Sphere 1

1. Standing Firm in Identity

Read: *Matthew 3:17 (NLT)* — “And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.’”

- How did knowing His true identity help Jesus resist Satan’s temptations in Matthew 4:1–11?
- What lies or doubts about your identity in Christ do you most often face, and how can God’s Word anchor you in truth?

2. Answering Lies with God’s Word

Read: *Psalms 119:11 (NLT)* — “I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

- In the wilderness, Jesus countered every temptation with “It is written.” What does this show us about the power of Scripture in discipleship?
- What practical ways can you build God’s Word into your daily rhythm so it’s ready when temptation comes?

3. Choosing Obedience Over Shortcuts

Read: *Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)* — “Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.”

- Why do shortcuts seem so attractive in our spiritual journey, and what do they often cost us in the long run?
- Share an example where choosing obedience (instead of the easy way) produced growth in your discipleship.

4. Living Out the Mission

Read: *Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)* — “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world...”

- In light of the spiritual battle described here, what daily practices can help disciples of Jesus stay alert and strong in every sphere of life (Abiding, Church, Home, World, Spiritual)?
- As a group, discuss how you can encourage one another to stand firm in identity, truth, and obedience this week.