

How do we stand against such lies? First, we need to understand a bit more about how Satan lies. Second, in our small group, we will learn from Jesus how to stand against those lies.

SMALL GROUP

1. We can see that the men talking with Jesus had bought into the lies that Satan had sold them. But what is a lie, or lies of the enemy that are commonly believed today?
2. Satan is referred to as the "Father of Lies," meaning lying is what he does. Therefore, it is not a matter of if but when Satan lies to us. So what are some hallmark characteristics of Satan's lies?
3. Jesus told the Jews they were slaves to sin, but they claimed they had "never been slaves to anyone" (v. 33). Why is the lie of "I'm doing just fine on my own" one of Satan's most effective tools?

READ: Matthew 4:1-11¹

4. Vs 3 & 6 - Satan repeatedly said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God?", do this. How was Satan trying tempt Jesus?
5. Vs 4 - First, Satan took advantage of Jesus' hunger. Jesus, after forty days of fasting, was spiritually strong but physically weak. Satan took advantage of this opportunity by offering Jesus what he desired so badly, bread. This is a pattern for Satan; he takes advantage of whatever opportunity is given to him. What other opportunities may Satan take advantage of in our lives?
6. Vs 5-7 - In the second temptation, both Satan and Jesus use scripture. What does this teach us about the role of scripture in standing against the enemy's plan?

¹ Cross references: Luke 4:1-13, with a brief mention in Mark 1:12-13