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# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is your favorite candy? Have you given up candy and sweets for Lent? If so, you may decline to answer this question. 😊

2. If the Devil came to tempt you with something good, what would it be?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

3. Why did the devil tempt Jesus with good ideas (meeting material needs, impressing people with spectacles, ruling the world) instead of selfish ideas like (wealth, pleasure, and a life of ease)?

4. What would the devil's bargain (*if you do this, then I will do that...*) look like in our current time and day?

Read Matthew 16:21-23

5. In what ways was Peter offering Jesus the devil's bargain?

6. What are the results of the worship of power and control?

Read Matthew 16:24-26

7. What are some signs that followers of Jesus have drifted into falseness?

8. What does it look like for us to deny ourselves and take up our cross in this cultural moment?