

Obstacle Course

Week three

Main Idea

When tempted to take a shortcut, we can trust God enough to do the right thing the right way.

Starter

If there had been an “easy button” for you to push during this season of COVID that would’ve allowed you to solve a personal problem without any hassle, what would you have used it for?

Discuss

Growing up, were you encouraged or rewarded if you were patient? Or was immediate gratification more of the standard? Share an example with your group.

By choosing shortcuts, we might get what we want, but we miss out on what God has for us. What lessons has God had you re-learn, because you keep trying to go about it your way instead of His?

Read

Read [Luke 4:1-8](#)

Satan’s temptation was powerful, because he offered Jesus what He really wanted, but in a way that would’ve compromised Jesus’s mission. When have you been tempted to pursue the right things in the wrong way?

Temptation isn’t just a test of your self-control. It’s a test of your trust in God. What does your temptation reveal about where you have a hard time trusting God? Why is that area of trust hard for you?

Apply

Not giving in to temptation is born out of a high trust in God. What’s one thing you can do this week to more firmly put your trust in God in an area where you consistently feel tempted?