



## An Invitation to Listen to God



### “Tempted”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

### Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

Reading 1: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17

Reading 2: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

### Questions

► *For personal reflection prior to meeting as a group (or for discussion):*

1. How does the “serpent” operate in the world today, or in your life? When was there a time when you realized that what you were pursuing was in reality empty promises?
2. How can you give thanks for all the gifts God has given you?
3. How does St. Paul’s message to the Romans encourage you on your climb up the mountain of the Lord?

► *For group discussion:*

4. Who are the angels in your life who have or now support you on your journey? Take another look for those whom you might not have recognized yet.
5. In whom do you trust? Does this trust enhance or hinder your ability to live by Christian values? How do they or you demonstrate this, starting with the most important first? Will you pray for their and your obedience to God’s will?

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