

Mad Men “Con Men”- Jim Burgen

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Community:

1. We're a couple of weeks into football season. What are your thoughts on the strategies and techniques companies use to advertise their products during the games?
2. Have you ever gone 24 hours (or more) without food? If you have, what was that experience like?

Core:

1. Do you ever wrestle with the question, “*Am I enough?*” What areas of your life do you question if you are enough? How does this affect the way you live, and view yourself?
2. **Read Matthew 4:1-3.** Why do you think the Spirit led Jesus into hostile territory to be tempted? When did the devil come to tempt Jesus, and why is that timing important?
3. What was the real temptation for Jesus in Matthew 4:1-3?
4. **Read Matthew 4:4.** How did Jesus respond? What does He use to “defend” Himself? What can we learn from this?
5. Satan tempted Jesus when He was at His most vulnerable; after He had waited a long time for something important and good, when He was *hungry*. What is something you are hungry for (Sex, power, a husband/wife, a relationship, money, a better situation, etc.)?
6. **Read Proverbs 14:12.** What is your initial understanding of the meaning of this verse? Have you ever done something that seemed right to you, but then ended poorly?
7. If you were honest with yourself, is there any area of your life where you are asking, “*God, what have you done for me lately?*” Where in your life are you struggling to see God’s goodness? What do you think God wants for that area of your life? What about Satan?

Challenge:

Take some time each day this week to read **John 10:10**. Then, spend some time thinking about or journaling your thoughts and answers to these questions that Jim gave us:

- 1) *What do you believe God wants for you to end up with?*
- 2) *What do you believe Satan wants for you to end up with?*
- 3) *What did God want for those former slaves who were led out of Egypt? What about Satan?*
- 4) *What did God want for Jesus? What did Satan want?*
- 5) *What does God want for you? What does Satan want for you?*