



## 40 Days with Jesus: The Challenge of Purity

**Main Idea:** Jesus' life empowers us to live in purity.

**Connect:** When you were a kid did you eat snow? Would you do it now?

### Discuss

1. How do you define spiritual purity? Has that changed over the course of your walk with Jesus?
2. Purity is not often attained in the easy seasons of life. Have you ever experienced God's purification in your life? How could your experience encourage someone going through a similar purity/pressure event in their life?
3. Jesus stands face-to-face with Satan, and knows exactly who he is speaking with. The devil even uses scripture to tempt Jesus. We rarely see a red man with a pitchfork. How do you recognize spiritual attacks?
4. Jesus gives us an excellent example of how to fight against Satan by obedience and knowledge of the Word of God. How do you arm yourself against the pressure of temptation?
5. Do you have a specific scripture you rely on in times of pressure?
6. How would you explain temptation versus sin, purity versus pressure, or condemnation versus conviction to a new believer?

7. We bring our cares and desires to God, and rightly so. He knows our needs before we ever ask. Have you ever been pressured to accept/do something before God's appointed time? How did you know it wasn't "right" yet?
8. It wasn't Jesus' possessions that the devil tempted him with, it was his allegiance that he wanted. How can we ensure that we are properly aligned with God?
9. Is there a spiritual barometer that can alert us to our potential spiritual contamination? Said another way, is there an undesirable quality you can recognize as it creeps in that can let you know you are being pressured?
10. How does spiritual purification and pressure differ from a general temptation to sin?

## **Live it Out**

Humility? Pride? Wealth? Authority? Anger? Lust? Chaos? What is your weak spot? Ask God to show you where you have the greatest potential for spiritual contamination and allow him to bring you to a place of greater purity.

Spiritual purity is not an end point that we can obtain with our efforts. It is not something that can be measured on a scale. Instead, it is a constant journey. Pray Psalm 19 with David. Ask God to purify you.

We are taught to hide our vulnerabilities. Confide in another believer where your area of weakness lies. Allow them to help you see situations that could cause you to stumble. (James 5:16, Proverbs 27:17)

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