

Sermon Series
The Inside Story
“Guerilla Warfare”
October 29th/30th, 2011
James 1:14-15

Question

When was the last time you went fishing? What did you put on the lure? What were you trying to catch?

Scripture

Read James 1:13-15.

Suggested Prayer

Father, thank you for your character and your Word. As we talk together today/tonight, please give us insight into how our own desires lure us into sin as well as how we can be courageous in our fight against sin.

Discussion Questions – Choose as few or as many as you’d like.

1. According to James 1:13, who never tempts? Why is it impossible or him to tempt?

2. According to James 1:13, who cannot be tempted? Why is it impossible for him to be tempted?

3. Read Hebrews 4:15. How should we understand this verse in light of James 1:13 and vice versa?

4. Is the temptation of Christ encouraging to you or discouraging to you? How so?

5. Think about the last time you were tempted to sin. What did you think was luring you? Does James 1:14 change your perspective? If so, how so?

6. John Owen wrote, "We fight an enemy whose strength is secret and whose presence is hidden." What are some sins that are easily hidden? List them.

7. Review that list sin by sin and talk about each one – what should a person tempted by those sins do in order to deal with them?

8. What sin(s) do you seem especially disposed to at this time of your life? How are you dealing with it?

9. Any take away from the sermon you would like to talk about?

Prayer

Lord, you are flawless. There is no evil in you. You cannot even be tempted by evil. We confess we are not like you. Our desires lure us into sin. Empower us by your Spirit to name sin, confess sin, cut sin back and treat sin as an enemy, not just in some general ways, but in the specific sins that your Spirit brought to our minds as we gathered together today/tonight.