A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: March 1, 2020 Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7; Romans 5:12–19; Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1–11 Sin, Temptation, and the Overcoming Life

- Read Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7. What, according to Gen 2:17, was the first command of God? What did the enemy do in Gen 3:1 to entice humans to fall?
 What about in 3:4?
- 2. **Read Romans 5:12–19.** How did God reconcile the sin that entered the world through Adam, according to 2:17?

Is the work of Christ greater or less than the impact of Adam, according to 2:15?

In what two ways, according to this text, were the many made sinners through Adam? _____

In what ways then, according to 2:19, would the many be made righteous?

3. **Read Psalm 32.** What does God say that he will do for the one who confess their sins to the Lord and does not hide them, according to:

- a. Psalm 32:5._____
- b. Psalm 32:8._____
- 4. **Read Matthew 4:1–11.** Who, according to Matthew 4:1, led Jesus into the wilderness? _____

 What was Jesus doing in Matthew 4:2?

 What might God have intended for this time of fasting in the desert?

- 5. Does this mean that God tempted Jesus or was somehow behind his temptation (see also James 1:13)? Yes____ No____ Explain.
- 6. What were the temptations that Satan brought to him?
 - a. Matthew 4:3. _____
 - b. Matthew 4:6. _____
 - c. Matthew 4:9.
- 7. Are these different than the temptations that we face? Yes____ No____ Explain._____

Why might this story have been included in the scriptures (see also Hebrews 4:15-16)?

- 8. When is the devil the most active in his temptations in your life?
 - a. When I'm alone.
 - b. When I most want to get closer to God.
 - c. When God is calling me or preparing for me for great things for my future and the future of His Kingdom.
- 9. According to Matthew 4:4-10, did Jesus give in to the temptation that the devil brought against him? Yes_____No____ How did Jesus stand up against this temptation, according to Matthew 4:4, 7, and 10.______
- 10. How might God help us to stand up to temptation and "make us righteous" both inside and out?