



## Just One More

### Week 1: Compromise

**What we want students to learn:** I can say no to compromise, because the power of Jesus lives in me.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Recognize the tactics of compromise from the enemy and use Jesus' battle plan to combat them.

**Large Group Message Focus:** Matthew 4:1-11 – Jesus in the Wilderness

**Scripture Focus:** Matthew 4:1-11 and John 10:10

### The Main Point

Is it really that bad? Is it technically wrong? What if I only do it once? Have you ever found yourself asking these questions, wondering just how far is too far? The enemy couldn't be happier than when we do this. You see, the enemy probably won't toss your biggest temptation right at you. Rather, he will start small, hoping you work your way right in to it, weakening your defenses along the way. During this series we will learn the enemy's tactics so we can finally cut the compromise.

### INTRODUCTION

- **Have you ever found yourself saying the phrase "just one more?" What do you normally say "just one more" about?**

Whether we say "just one more" about that next Netflix episode, another handful of Doritos, or another game, we all say the phrase "just one more." Now, there's not really anything wrong when it comes to saying "just one more" when it comes to stuff like this. But, what about when we are taking "just one more" step towards sin? Maybe we aren't talking about jumping right into sin, but we are trying to get as close to it as possible without crossing the line.

PRAY as you begin your small group time today that your students will understand the enemy's tactics when it comes to compromise.

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### LESSON

- **What does the word compromise mean to you?**
  - *For some, compromise is what their parents have taught them to do when they are in an argument with their sibling. For others, compromise is making one decision in exchange for another.*
  - *Below you can find two definitions of compromise.*
    - *Giving up one thing for something else*

- *An endangering, especially of reputation*

To put it simply, the type of compromise we are talking about in this series is best expressed through the following example. Suppose you know someone who struggles with using bad language/cussing. They know it doesn't honor God so they decide to do their best to stop. So, they simply make a plan to stop doing it. Well, one of their favorite shows has cussing in it left and right. Their friend, who knows they have made this decision, asks them "aren't you trying to avoid cussing?" To this, the person replies, "well I'm not the one cussing, there is just a little bit of other people cussing in that show." While this person is not the one cussing, they are compromising by filling their mind with the very thing they have made a commitment not to do.

- **What is one common sin you think people your age struggle with?**
- **If the enemy (Satan) wanted to get you to step into that sin, how do you think he would do it?**
  - *Do you think he would wave the temptation in your face? Do you think he would subtly introduce it to you?*

Now, have your students read Matthew 4:1-4. Then, explain that the enemy may not always throw our biggest temptation at us first. Rather, he often slowly draws us into it, weakening our defenses along the way. This is where compromise comes in. We make one decision that ultimately leads to another.

*Consider sharing a time with your students when you noticed (either in the moment or after the fact) that you were compromising in a situation.*

- **Do you think the world glamorizes compromise and sin? Why or why not?**
- **When you see other people stepping into compromise, does that make you more or less likely to do it too? Why?**
  - *The people around us have a huge influence on us. When other people around us are compromising, we often begin to think "well, it must not be that bad."*

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## LIFE APPLICATION

To close out group for the night, discuss the following questions.

- **What is one specific area in your life you have been compromising in?**
- **What is one step you can take this week to say no to compromising with your actions?**

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## TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically that your group would be aware of the enemy's tactics when it comes to compromise.

Spring has sprung. Have you noticed how the pressure of school seems to be building for your students as the excitement of summer gets closer and closer? Some students can only think about summer and others can only think about the massive project ahead of them. Take a moment to encourage them that God is fighting for them in this season and he is proud of them!

After prayer, be sure to remind them about MVMT and answer any questions they have.