

1. Getting off-course spiritually can be easy for us. As you feel comfortable, discuss a time when you chose to get off-course, or when you got off-course, but you didn't realize it until you were in a place you never thought you'd be. How did it affect your relationship with the Lord? What did you do? If it's been resolved, how did you respond, and ultimately, what happened as a result?

2. Read Genesis 3

Pastor Joe discussed THINK IT > WANT IT > DO IT > PAY FOR IT as part of the message on Sunday. How do you see this progression of getting off course and stuck in sin in this passage? What happened? What was God's response?

How have you experienced this progression in your own life? How does defining this progression help you to guard against choosing to get off-course in the future? How can your LIFE Group (or a few members of it) help you stay ontrack?

3. When we're faced with the potential of getting off-course and choosing to distance ourselves from God, what promises do we have in 1 Corinthians 10:13? What needs to be true to make sure that you don't get stuck in the trap of sin that you can infer from this verse? How can this help you when you get to the THINK IT stage with something?

4. Read James 1:13-18.

Why can't we blame God when we are faced with temptation? If we're being honest, we can tend to want to blame someone else for our problems and for getting off-course, but what do we see very clearly about the source of temptation and sin in our lives in verse 14?

- 5. From your study guide notes, there are 4 "R's" to practically deal with the temptation to get off-course. Which one tends to come easy for you? Which one tends to be more difficult for you? Take time to look over each one and, as a group, discuss what each can practically look like in your lives.
- 6. What is your prayer this week to stay on-course and follow Jesus faithfully this week and the weeks to come?



SEND-OFF & PRAYER

More info coming soon!

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Northampton exists to help all people love God, love people and make disciples. **GET CONNECTED**

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

LIFE GROUPS

A great next-step for you and your family is to get connected into a LIFE Group! LGs are safe spaces to get out of rows (on Sunday mornings) and get into circles (during the week) and discuss life and the Bible, pray for each other and care for one another! Check out the Church Center app for available groups and get connected today!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

- + CAFE HELP if you're able to help coordinate the coffee and cookies on a regular basis on Sunday mornings (once/month), please sign-up in the app!
- + CHILDREN'S MINISTRY There is an on-going need for people who feel gifted and called to work with children. From the baby room to teaching in the elementary classes, you'd be welcome to join in! All supplies provided. You must pass a background check in order to be able to work with children. Let Kellie Sturm, our Children's Ministry Director, know if you're interested!
- + FIRST IMPRESSIONS We are looking for smiling faces to be a part of the team that can help set the tone for guest and regulars at Northampton! If you'd like more information, email firstimpressions@nbchurchcf.org
- + MEDIA & TECH If you have skills in video editing, sound, computers, etc. your help is needed! Sign up in the Church Center App! Training is available.

RECALCULATING MESSAGE NOTES

We tend to get off-course when we choose to go our

own way, APART from God.
It's important to remember that being tempted isn'
Getting Off-Course in the Garden Genesis 3 James 1:13-15
The Process of Getting Stuck in Sin:
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Guarding Against Getting Off-Course
1. Be 1 Peter 5:8
2. Make Matthew 6:13 1 Corinthians 10:13
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