



Discussion Guide for “Everybody Wants to Rule the World”

Bad Deal Week 6

What does it take to be on top? Jesus final temptation - to rule the world if he'll worship the devil - is a clue. What kind of test was that? And how does it shed light on the path Jesus calls us to walk today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Deuteronomy 6:6-12; Hosea 2:14; Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Read Dostoevsky's "[The Grand Inquisitor](#)"

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Matthew 21:1-11](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Would you want to rule the world? What would that mean in your eyes?
2. Consider JR.'s reimagining of Jesus' final test. What about his take on the last test resonated with you?
3. Review the story of Palm Sunday in Matthew 21. Where do you see Jesus countering the devil's way in that story?
4. Worshiping the devil isn't really about listening to heavy metal. What does it look like in our world today?
5. How do we resist this test today? How are you tempted by power and position?