Discussion Title: Road Block Satan	**Category**: Lifestyle

	Opening:	Pick 6 individuals to share. 5 minutes total.
Q.	**What are some goals you have for your life right now? Leading in to a new career path, promotion, going back to school, continued development at your current employment, or maybe persevering towards finding the ideal job for you?**	
Q.	**Are you working towards these goals now?**	
	The most crucial time for a goal or project is the very beginning	
Q.	**Why is that?**	
	Satan realizes that as well. No matter where we are spiritually, Satan wants to stop you from growing.	
	Let's look at how Satan tried to stop someone from beginning a very big project, and this will allow us to be more aware of Satan and the deceitful schemes he uses.	

Lesson:

	Matthew 4:1-11 Recap	Pick 1-2 individuals to answer each question (Q). Keep track of time during the discussion. Keep the discussion focused and on point. Avoid going off on a tangent topic. Additional notes:
	This was the beginning of Jesus' ministry. If he could stop Jesus, Satan wouldn't have to worry about his disciples, his miracles, his parables, or especially his death, burial and resurrection.	
	Satan's 1st Trick – Immediate Gratification (JESUS WAS HUNGRY)	
	• Satan asked Jesus to turn stones into bread (v3)	
	• Note that he didn't tempt Jesus with a buffet, but with just plain bread.	
Q.	**What are ways Satan can tempt us like this?**	
	• Lying, to solve a short-term problem.	
	• Laziness, instead of spending time with God.	
	• Compromising, to get along with others.	
	Satan's 2nd Trick – Faithlessness (LED BY SPIRIT)	
	• Satan said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God…" (v5-6)	
	• Satan was testing God and Jesus to do the spectacular, tempting him to attract attention to himself, the worshippers at the temple, seeing such a miraculous event would surely	Additional notes:

	believe in God. – Mark 11:22 – Have faith in God	
Q	**What does faithlessness do to us?**	
	• Sit and analyze, instead of acting. Paralyzing.	
	• We lack confidence (Can I really do this?).	
	• "I've failed before, I'll fail again." Hopelessness.	
	Satan's 3rd Trick – The World is better (DESERT/HOLES)	
	• Satan tempted Jesus with the World	
Q.	**What does Satan try to do to tempt us with the World?**	
	• The world has so many great things to offer!	
	• It's an easy life!	
	• You'll be content! (They were on top of a mountain, as Satan tempted Jesus.)	
	• *Jesus stuck with God, he trusted in Him.*	
Q.	**• Satan used his best tricks on Jesus and failed. Now how about you?**	
	Satan was so afraid of Jesus that he personally confronted him face to face.	
Q.	**Is Satan afraid of you and what your life could potentially accomplish? Or does he just run all over you whenever he wants to?**	
	• Stop Satan in his tracks (as Jesus did), before he stops you! Jesus had a mission to accomplish, worth more than anything Satan offered. In the same way, Satan does not want you realized spiritually. Don't let Satan derail you, realize he is continuously tempting you, distracting you, or crippling you.	
	Conclusion:	
	Make time this week to set spiritual resolutions, and don't let Satan stop you! Ask for help! Ask the person who invited you to help hold you accountable to stay on track and help each other by praying for each other's goals and resolutions. Use your resources, especially the Word of God. Jesus quoted the Bible! We can fight the temptation to quit on our resolutions, ourselves, and even God by relying and knowing the Word of God!!!	