

# TO GO

1. Describe a person in your life who has demonstrated the Golden Rule to you. What about them and how they treated you makes you think of them as such?
2. Read Matthew 7:12. What is the function of the Golden Rule in the context of the Sermon on the Mount? Why does Jesus place it where he does in his sermon?
3. Read 1 John 2:15–17. What three things does John identify as according to the pattern of the world? Read Genesis 3:1–7. What connections can you make between John's reflections on the patterns of the world and what happens in this Genesis passage?
4. Read Matthew 4:1–11. How does Jesus engage with these temptations? What is the outcome?
5. How can understanding our sin nature and our human tendencies help us to have empathy for others? Conversely, how can understanding our kingdom needs help us have empathy? What's the difference between considering someone else's needs from a fleshly perspective and a kingdom perspective?
6. How can you grow in extending yourself with empathy this week? What questions do you need to ask of yourself or of those around you? How do you need to think differently? Take a few moments to journal your answers to these questions and bring them before the Lord in prayer.