

Luke 4

October 15th, 2021

Discussion Questions

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Luke 4 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

Discussion Questions:

1. After Jesus was baptized by John, He entered the wilderness. According to **verse one**, what did the Holy Spirit do?
2. Why do you think God would lead His Son into the desert immediately following His baptism?
3. *Personal Reflection; Sharing Optional.* What have been some of your most obvious “wilderness” seasons? Do you remember what preceded them? How did they change you?
4. For what purpose was Jesus tempted by the devil (**v.2**)? (See **Hebrews 2:14-18** and **Hebrews 4:15-16**)
5. Chart the temptations by Satan and Jesus’ responses.

Scripture	What Satan Said and Did	Type of Temptation	How Jesus Resisted
4:3-4			
4:5-8			
4:9-12			

6. Consider the temptations you face. How can you be better prepared to deal with them? What applications can we draw from Jesus' example in resisting temptation to help us? Read **1 Corinthians 10:13**, **Ephesians 6:10-18**, and **James 4:7-8**.

7. Read **verses 18-21**. List (or underline in the passage below) all the things that the coming Messiah would do according to the prophet Isaiah and which Jesus said He would accomplish.

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

²⁰ And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luke 4:18-21, King James Version

8. What do you find most precious in the declaration of both the fact and nature of Jesus' call and ministry? (See also **Isaiah 49:8-10**)

9. Jesus' original reception was favorable. Why does it change to one of hostility (**verses 22-30**)?

*(*Note: Look closely at the two people who receive ministry: the widow at Zarephath in Sidon (verse 26) and Naaman the Syrian (verse 27). What do these two have in common? They were both Gentiles!)*

10. Describe the scene in the synagogue between Jesus and the demon-possessed man (**verses 33-35**).

11. Why do you think Jesus ordered the demon to be silent? (**verses 35 & 41**; see also **Mark 1:34**)

12. Why do you think Jesus needed a quiet time alone with His Father (**verse 42**)? When do you need alone time with the Father? Personally reflect on what your quiet time looks like.