

Wednesday *The Second temptation*

Read Luke 4:5-8

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. The devil offers to make Jesus the ruler of the world. Why would Jesus not want that?
2. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus will be back?

Prayer Focus Gracious One, remind us again of who we are, to whom we belong, and that following worldly rulers is not the way to salvation. Help us recall that there can only be one God to order our lives and guide our steps.

Thursday *The third temptation*

Read Luke 4:9-11

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Are there ways that worldly things distract us or distance us from pain or fear?
2. What do you think would happen if Jesus had said yes to this temptation?

Prayer Focus God of all creation, we are often tempted to let the world fill us with doubts and fears. We let the world distract us and send us running after material things to find comfort or strength. Keep calling us so that we know we can turn back to find your comfort and power.

Friday *Jesus' final answer*

Read Luke 4:12-13

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Jesus refuses to prove that God is watching over him. Why?
2. In this season of Lent, what can we do to share the story of God's limitless love?

Prayer Focus Saving God, lead us not into the wilderness of temptation. Help us focus on you, so that in our rush to get what the world offers, we remember that we are here to serve as your hands and feet in a world that needs to know it can count on you.

I'll Be Back

Message Notes: Luke 4:1-13; first Sunday in Lent.

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is one thing that makes it difficult for you to trust God today?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Luke 4:1-13

- Have someone read **Luke 4:1-13**. Discuss observations about the text.
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday *Jesus enters the wilderness*

Read Luke 4:1-2

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Jesus goes straight from his baptism into the wilderness. Why would the Holy Spirit lead him there?
2. Is there a wilderness time of testing or temptation in your life right now? What is it and how might you deal with it?

Prayer Focus

Jesus, you taught us to pray that we will not be led into temptation, that we not be left alone to face our challenges. Thank you for showing us that you know what it is like to be tempted and that you understand the trials we face.

Tuesday *The first temptation*

Read Luke 4:3-4

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. The devil shows he knows Jesus is the Son of God. How is this important when we read this story?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says "one does not live by bread alone?"

Prayer Focus

Reflect on what it means to be nourished and what it means to be hungry, both in body and in spirit. Pray for the wisdom to remember Jesus' words, even in the wilderness of our world today.