

THE GOSPEL

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The Gospel of Luke | Jesus in the Wilderness Pt. 3

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we looked at the third temptation of Jesus and how he faced the desire to be spectacular. We learn that Jesus' power isn't for elevating himself, but rather, his power is used for others.

R E A D

Luke 4: 1-13 | Genesis 3 | Psalm 91

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) Think about the setting of this temptation. Are there places in our own lives where temptation may be stronger? If so, where are they?
- 2) In both Genesis 3 and Luke 4, the serpent/devil took truth and warped it into a lie. What ways do we see truth being warped into lies today?
- 3) The devil weaponizes Scripture against Jesus. How do we know that the scriptures are to be trusted? What is the good news for us?
- 4) Tom Wright says that "Jesus doesn't use his power for cheap tricks, but for restoring things to life and strength". Have you ever asked Jesus to prove his power to you? What things in our lives and world need to be restored to strength and healing?
- 5) There were many moments in Jesus' ministry where he was tempted. Where else was Jesus was tempted? What kinds of temptations do you think he faced?

- 6) What are things we can do to become more aware of seasons in our lives where temptations are stronger?
- 7) What are practical things we can do to intentionally embrace community?
- 8) What are some ways in which we can 'descend with each other'?
- 9) How can we learn to better accept our humanity?
- 10) How can we, as a church, be more committed to fight against temptation and lean into the way of Jesus together?

R E S P O N D

Practice reading a scripture passage in community. Invite other voices, ideas, and questions into the conversation.

Write down some ways in which you may be tempted to "be spectacular". Bring these to Jesus... what might he be wanting to say to you about this?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Ask Jesus what his heart is for our community surrounding the topic of temptation. What are needs in our community that we need to be aware of? How can we help support others in seasons of temptation?

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

