

Life Group Discussion Guide

In the Wilderness

April 5

LEADER NOTES

I encourage you to continue to focus on care this week. Spend significant time in your group meeting catching up and sharing stories from this week. You may consider moving your prayer time to the beginning of our meeting as well. Creating this space for sharing real-time stories, praises, and needs is vital in a time of isolation. Make it a priority, even if that means running short on discussion time.

This week, Pastor Jeremy focused on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Jesus is familiar with isolation. He is familiar with human needs like food and relationships. In a season where it's tempting to cast blame and look for concrete answers, Jesus is calling us to practice lament and solidarity.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Luke 4:1-13 (NLT)

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

³ Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."

⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me."

⁸ Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off!" ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say, "He will order his angels to protect and guard you. ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone."

¹² Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

LOOK UP

In this week's text, both Jesus and Satan quoted Scripture to support what they were saying. What is different about the way Jesus referred to Scripture?

LOOK AROUND

What does a typical Easter Sunday look like for you, and how will you be adjusting your plans for a unique Easter this week?

Have you ever practiced Lent? If so, what have you given up for the Lenten season? If not, what would you give up (fast) for 40 days to prepare yourself for Easter?

What are the "why" questions you are asking or hearing from others in this season?

LOOK AHEAD

Do you find yourself constantly searching for explanations and answers during this season? If so, what would it look like to pause and give yourself space to lament?

What temptations are you coming across in this time of isolation?

PRAYER