

DAY 4 Read Luke 4:38-41 focusing on Jesus at Simon's Home.

Just from observation, what can you tell about Simon's mother-in-law? What impact did this healing have on the rest of the town? What do you notice about Jesus in this passage? Why would Jesus not allow the demons to speak? How is all this a fulfillment of what Jesus read in Nazareth from Isaiah? Pray for healing for people you know and the opportunity to feel the touch of Jesus.

DAY 5 Read Luke 4:42-44 focusing on Jesus on Mission.

What did Jesus do first thing in the morning and why was this important to Him and for Him? What did the crowd do and want regarding Jesus? What was Jesus' response and what does this tell you about Jesus? What is the connection between His time alone and knowing it's time to move on? How are you getting direction from God in your time alone with Him – how does He lead you for the day? Pray for God's mission for the day and your life.



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Part 3

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“Overcome Temptation & Stay on Mission”

Luke 4

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 NLT

There IS a Test....

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

Luke 4:1-2 NLT

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.”

1Cor.10:13 NLT

The 3 Core Temptations & the Way to Win

Tempt. #1: Satisfy Your Self – You deserve It!

“Then the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.” But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’”

Lk.4:3-4 (Deut.8:3) NLT

-----Make Feeding on God's Word Your Daily Meal-----

Tempt. #2: Seek Success without Sacrifice – It's not that hard.

"Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. "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. I will give it all to you if you will worship me." Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" Lk.4:5-8 (Deut.6:13) NLT

-----Make Worshiping God Only Your Life Goal-----

Tempt. #3: Stage the Spectacular – you can trust Him, right?

"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! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" Lk.4:9-12 (Ps.91:11-12; Duet.6:13)

-----Make Trusting God's Promises Your Solid Anchor-----

"When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came." Lk.4:13 NLT

Facing the Battles Keeps Us Strong for the Mission

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." ...Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!" Lk.4:18-21 (Isa.61:1-2) NLT

"Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them. But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:42-43 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Jan.17-22, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 4:1-13 focusing on the Temptation of Jesus.

Why do you think this "Wilderness Experience" was crucial for Jesus and His mission? What are the 3 basic temptations and how does the devil tempt you in these 3 areas? What was Jesus' main weapon against the temptation and what does this tell you? How do you personally apply the verses Jesus quoted to your life & specifically during temptations? What's your prayer request?

DAY 2 Read Luke 4:14-30 focusing on Jesus in His Hometown.

What's the same and what's different about Jesus when he returns to Nazareth – his hometown? What was the gist of what Jesus claimed in the synagogue and the connection to Scripture? How would you describe the two different responses and what changed the atmosphere? How's your level of acceptance to what Jesus is saying to you currently? Pray for His direction.

DAY 3 Read Luke 4:31-37 focusing on Jesus in Capernaum.

What happened in this synagogue there and what jumps out at you from this? What do you think is the point of this "demonic" interaction for the man, the demon, the crowd, and Jesus? What's the crowd's main response about Jesus? How does that response fit into your life right now? Pray. →