

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

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Introduction

When Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, He was tempted by the devil and His own limitations of being human. The temptations of Jesus were real and struck at the very core of humanity. He was challenged in the areas of His identity, authority, and power. We also face the same temptations in the areas of appetite, ambition, and approval in our everyday lives.

Bible Passage

Luke 4:1-21

Discussion

1. How can you relate to Jesus' experience in the wilderness when faced with your own temptations? What can you do to resist these temptations?
2. Read Luke 4:1,14,18. What is your understanding of the difference between Jesus full of the Holy Spirit before the wilderness and Jesus operating in the power of the Holy Spirit afterwards? What brought about this difference?
3. Read Luke 4:3. The devil tested Jesus by questioning His identity as the Son of God. What is the impact upon our identity in Jesus at a point of temptation? Why does this happen?
4. Read Luke 4:5-8. When we embrace our identity in Jesus we receive His authority. What is your understanding of this? How did Jesus resist misusing this authority?

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5. Read Luke 4:9-12. The devil challenged Jesus in his identity, authority, and power by tempting Him to test God. When have you been tempted to put God to the test? What was the outcome?
6. Read Luke 4:18-21. In the temple, Jesus was operating in the power of the Holy Spirit when He proclaimed the words of Isaiah. How does this relate to His mission? How do we apply these words to our calling as disciples?

Respond

When we embrace our identity as children of God, we receive with it the same authority and power that was upon Jesus. What is one thing that you can do this week to enable the Spirit to work through you as a disciple of Jesus?