

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Temptation is a part of life for every human being (even Jesus, in our text today!). When you face temptation, what do you learn about yourself and what's important to you?

LEARN & APPLY

Right after his baptism, Jesus was tested by the devil. Read Luke 3:22. What truths does God speak to Jesus about his identity?

- Read Luke 4:1-13. These tests are attempts to shake Jesus' confidence in what God just told him. Notice the three areas of focus in Jesus' temptation (physical needs, vv. 3-4; pride, vv. 5-8; power, vv. 9-12). In which area do you most often find yourself tempted?
- Reread Luke 4:1-4. Name times when concerns about our comfort win out over what we think God might be calling us to do. What does Jesus' answer to this temptation tell us about what really feeds a purposeful life?
- Read Luke 4:5-8 again. In the story of God's people during the Exodus (from slavery in Egypt to the promised land) there was a time when God seemed too inaccessible - and the people decided to make for themselves a god they could see. Share an example of when you've been frustrated with God and tempted to put your trust in things you can touch and control.
- Reread Luke 4:9-13. This is the temptation to expect God to serve you on your terms instead of serving him on his. Sometimes we want to get ahead of God and do things 'for' him without actually asking him what he wants to do in us. Are there times when your actions are testing God more than listening to him?

PRAY

Ask the Lord to show you what is at the heart of your temptations and how he might use them to point out how you can grow in trusting him!