



## **Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus One On One | January 2, 2022**

### **Begin with Scripture + prayer (10 minutes).**

As you begin, read **Luke 4:1-13**. Once finished, pray to open your time together.

### **Split into three or four mini-groups for Scripture and reflection (25 minutes).**

In this sermon, Dan shared about Jesus' one-on-one interaction with Satan from **Luke 4**. For the next few moments, take some time to prayerfully read and talk through each of the temptations that Jesus faces in smaller groups.

- **Re-read Luke 4:3-4.** What is the temptation Satan places in front of Jesus here? In what ways do you wrestle with the same temptation?
- **Re-read Luke 4:5-8.** From these verses, what is the temptation Satan places in front of Jesus here? In what ways do you wrestle with the same temptation?
- **Re-read Luke 4:9-12.** Like above, what in this last temptation is Satan putting in front of Jesus? In what ways do you wrestle with the same temptation?

After your allotted mini-group time is finished, have everyone circle back up in one big group to share their insights.

### **Go over the sermon, sharing your thoughts and insights (30 minutes).**

- How did your mini-group discussions go? What sorts of things rose to the surface from those conversations?
- How did this sermon about Jesus from **Luke 4** challenge you? What resonated with you?
- What does it say about Satan that he came to tempt Jesus after fasting for forty days? What does it say about Jesus that he withstood temptation after all that time?
- Dan mentioned in his sermon how the first temptation consisted of Jesus facing the way in which he'd bring people to follow him – would he do it through spectacle and flattery? Or would he do it through calling people to believe in the good news of God's love and grace and mercy? Why do you think this would have been tempting? Do you feel any temptation to flatter people instead of holding fast to what you know is true?
- The second temptation Dan walked us through was Satan's promise of giving the kingdoms of this world to Jesus. Dan mentioned how in this temptation Jesus was tempted to take hold of his desired future 1) before the appointed time and 2) through an alliance with evil. Like with the question above: Why do you think this was the route



Satan chose when tempting Jesus? In what ways are you tempted to seize things “before the appointed time” or potentially even by aligning yourself with evil or deceit?

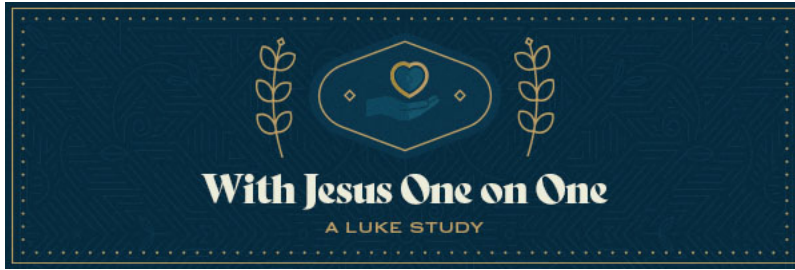
- In the final temptation, Dan talked about how Satan tempted Jesus with fame but how Jesus chose faithfulness over and above the fadom of the world. Why might Satan have tried this tactic? How does the temptation to “be somebody” or to gain popularity play itself out in your life?
- Out of these three temptations which one do you struggle with most? In what ways?
- In this sermon, Dan gave us a definition of temptation. “At strategic times, the enemy deceives us with the false promise that pursuing our selfish desires is better than following God’s will.” Do you agree or disagree with this definition?
- When have you seen Satan tempting you “at strategic times” in your life?
- In what ways are you prone to thinking that your desires are better than following God’s will? When has following God’s will above your own desires been hard for you?
- How does one fight temptation? In what ways has God’s Word been a mighty fortress against the Devil’s schemes?
- What is one practical way you feel challenged to grow in obedience or in your relationship with God from this text?

### **Split into gendered accountability groups (15 minutes).**

Throughout this series, we’ll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- What has the Lord been teaching you recently? How has the Holy Spirit been convicting you as of late?
- In what areas of your life has Satan been tempting you? What Scriptures do you need to remember in this time?
- Is there anything from this message that made you uneasy or made you feel like you have fallen short of what God wants for you and your life? Explain.
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.



**Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.