



Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

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DIGGING DEEPER:

1. When have you experienced a “wilderness season” in your life?
Looking back, how did that season expose what was real (or not real) in your faith?
2. Which of the three temptations feels most familiar to you right now?
 - Turning stones to bread (meeting legitimate needs in illegitimate ways)
 - Forcing God’s hand (demanding proof or validation)
 - Taking a shortcut to glory (avoiding obedience or suffering?)
3. How do exhaustion, stress, or discouragement affect your spiritual vulnerability? Can you identify patterns where physical or emotional depletion lowered your resistance?
4. In Matthew 4:1, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness.
What does that teach us about how God uses testing in our formation?
How does that challenge the assumption that hardship equals Gods abandonment?
5. Jesus answers every temptation with Scripture from Deuteronomy.
What does this reveal about how Scripture shapes identity and obedience?
6. Hebrews 4:15 says Jesus can “sympathize with our weaknesses.” What does it mean that Jesus felt temptation fully without sinning?
7. The sermon emphasized: Temptation is not sin. How might believing that truth change the way you respond when temptation shows up?
8. Jesus relied on the Word of God in His lowest moment. What practical steps can you take this week to better “hide God’s Word in your heart” so you are prepared for battle?