

Sermon Application Study

March 19, 2023

Target Passage → Luke 4:1-13

1. Explain how Jesus ends up in the wilderness for 40 days.
2. Has the Father abandoned the Son in the wilderness? What is the reason for his time there?
3. Why can't Jesus just make some bread? (For background, consider the full context of Jesus' quote in Deut.8.)
4. What does Jesus' success over the first temptation prove?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Genesis 3:1-7, Deut.8, 1 Cor.10:1-13, Hebrew 4:14-5:10

For Me →

1. Where do the temptations to sin lurk in the “wilderness” where God has you?
2. Are there areas of your life where you are tempted to give yourself something instead of waiting on God’s provision?

For the Mission →

1. What are some of the “make your own bread” temptations to sin that our culture considers normal and sensible?
2. When a friend/family member is about to make a sinful choice that aligns perfectly with the sensibilities of our culture, do you provide counsel? What should we say in that situation?

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to lead you by his Spirit to have victory over temptation. Thank God for Jesus who successfully resists the temptation to provide for himself.