

C H A P T E R



1. Read the chapter, at least twice, before starting this study guide.
2. Luke 4:1 begins by saying Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit. Let's pay close attention to these words. The word translated full is the Greek word Pleres. It means to be complete, lacking nothing, permeated.

In Luke 3:21-22, we read the events of Jesus' baptism and how the Spirit of God came on him like a dove, and a voice from heaven declared, "You are My beloved Son; in you I am well pleased."

When the Holy Spirit came on Jesus like a dove at his baptism, it was a sign for all who were watching. Jesus can identify with our troubles, our trials, and our temptations. He has shown us how to overcome each one of them. How did Jesus fight the lies Satan was tempting him with? Look at verses 4, 8 and 12.

3. Luke 4:1-2. What details did you notice about Jesus' time in the wilderness?
 - Led by the Spirit into the wilderness
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4. It is difficult for us to understand being tempted, without sinning. Most of us are tempted by things our flesh longs to be a part of. However, Jesus was tempted, yet without sin. Can you think of a time when you were tempted but did not sin?

5. The temptations we face each day are real. It is important for us to know Jesus also experienced temptation. He understands our struggle with the flesh. Jesus was fully God and fully man.

What three ways did Satan try to tempt Jesus?

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6. Read 1 John 2:15-17
What are the three areas of our temptation?

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1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

7. The scriptures tell us Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Why the wilderness?

Why, do you believe he needed to be there?

How might knowing Jesus was separated from the normal resources comfort you when you feel alone and in need?

8. When Satan confronted Jesus in the wilderness and three times feigned to be a friend who could help, how did Jesus answer him? Write Jesus's words below.

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9. The number 40 seems very significant in God's word. Look up the verses below, what is the significance of the number 40 in these verses?

Genesis 7:1-5

Exodus 16:35

Exodus 24:18

Numbers 13:25

Numbers 14:33

Deuteronomy 9:18, 25

10. When we read these verses on the temptation of Christ, we might picture Jesus standing with authority and power rebuking Satan. The truth is, Jesus' flesh had been weakened by his hunger, exposure to the elements and now the emotional strain of dealing with his enemy, Satan. I find this of great comfort. When we are tired, hungry, and worn down, what weapon should we rely on?

Read Ephesians 6:17 ***“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”***

You are wise to be studying and hiding God's word in your heart now.

11. Satan's strategy has not changed, he looks for us when we are weak and vulnerable, and attempts to distract us from our God-given call.

Think of the last time you were tempted take an easier route or to quit altogether. There are times when faithfully following seems so hard.

What got you through it?

12. When we look at Jesus's temptations, we learn Satan really does understand Jesus' authority. Jesus truly could turn stones into bread, if he so desired.

Why would this have been the wrong thing to do?

13. The second temptation seems a rather odd thing to say, at first glance. Why would Satan even suggest such a strange thing?

We are unwise if we place ourselves in a position which attempts to force God to protect us supernaturally. God can and will care for his own, but we should not choose to act foolishly, just to prove our God will display his power. God does not perform at our beck and call. Doing so would make us the master and God the servant.

14. I believe this third temptation might hit closer to home than the first two, for most American believers.

Have you ever known someone who seems to catch all the breaks?

They have not worked harder, and they are not necessarily smarter. They just seem to always land on top.

Have you ever prayed, Lord please trust me with some of those riches, I'll be faithful?

The question I often ask myself is why?

Why do I want God to bless me with these material things?

I quickly answer, so I can share them. The truth is, I also want to enjoy them myself.

In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus told a parable to teach on faithfulness. This world is not our home.

Believers should not look for their reward here.

What did the Master say to his two faithful servants in Matthew 25:21, 23?

What had they done to receive this commendation?

15. Satan is willing to lavish us with temporal treasure for a season. If we will follow him. If we make him our master. However, he is a terrible master.
It has been said, ***“Sin will take you farther than you wanted to go, it will cost you far more than you wanted to pay, and it will keep you longer than you wanted to stay.”***
I might add, it will leave you with a feeling of emptiness and separation. Satan is a liar!!!
Read John 8:44. Highlight in orange what you learn about Satan.
“...He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
16. Read Genesis 3:1. Why is it so dangerous for us to converse, even for a moment, with this enemy?

Eve thought it was a simple conversation, Satan saw it as an opportunity to steal, kill and destroy.
Genesis 3:1 MSG
“The serpent was clever; more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: “Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?”
Read Genesis 2:16-17. What were God’s real instructions?

After reading Genesis 2:16-17, was God’s intent, to hold out on Adam, or to protect he and his family?
17. Read the verses below, highlight in orange the things we are to flee, and highlight in green the things we are to pursue.
1 Corinthians 6:18 ***Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.***

1 Corinthians 10:14
Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

1 Timothy 6:11
But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:22
Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Here is one last verse. A verse with promise. (Circle the promise.)
Satan is not interested in being around someone who is fully dedicated to God and actively resisting him.

James 4:7
Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

18. Pause long enough to consider the temptations you are facing.
- Is Satan trying to get you to question your standing as a child of God?
 - Is he trying to get you to meet your own needs and not rely on God?
 - Is he trying to get you to take your eyes off God and worship something different?
 - Is he trying to get you to test God?

According to Luke 4:13, what was the result of Jesus temptation that day?
Satan looks for the path of least resistance. If we remain strong in the Lord, Satan will leave, if only for a season.

19. Let's take one last look at who Satan really is.

Pastor Craig Groeschel said.

"Who is Satan? He is the embodiment of everything evil. Behind every addiction, there is Satan. Behind every abuse, there is Satan. He is called by Scripture, the tempter, the destroyer, the wicked one, the thief, and the father of lies. He came with a mission, to kill, to steal and to destroy. He wants to kill your faith. He wants to steal your joy. He wants to destroy your health. He longs to ruin your finances, obliterate your marriage and kill your kids."

After reading this quote, is he someone we should ever choose to associate with?

Is this someone we need to have a conversation with?

What should we do?

20. In Luke 4:14-30, we see Jesus has returned to the area of _____.

He went specifically to what city? _____

Look at verse 16 again, what important fact did you see in this verse?

21. On the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue and began to read and teach. What was the response of those present?

Look at verse 20,22.

22. If we read Luke 4:22 too quickly, we might not understand what is going on. It is best to read in several translations to gain a better understanding.

After reading all four of the translations below, write verse 22 in your own words.

NIV

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

KJV

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

MSG

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was a youngster?"

TPT

Everyone was impressed by how well Jesus spoke, in awe of the beautiful words of grace that came from his lips. But they said among themselves, "Who does he think he is? Isn't he Joseph's son, who grew up here in Nazareth?"

23. In verse 24, how does Jesus respond to their questioning his authority?
24. Jesus reminds the people of two examples from Israel's history: Elijah and Elisha. Both men of God were not valued as a prophet by their people and they often went unheeded. God used them both to do miracles for others outside of Israel.

Briefly state these two stories.

Elijah, 1 Kings 17:7-24	Elisha, 2 Kings 5:1-14

25. The response of the people escalated in Luke 4: 28-30. What did they want to do with Jesus?

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26. We have discussed this before; an angry mob can ramp up quickly and become out of control. They may have been successful pushing Jesus out of the city, but he is not under their control. He probably pulled his hood up, lowered his face and walked right through this crowd of people. Jesus had much to still accomplish. Does this give you confidence for future difficulties you may go through?
27. Read Romans 8:31. Does this verse give you comfort when things look difficult?

Romans 8:31

“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

28. At first glance, it looks like Luke 4:31 is incorrect. The verse states Jesus went down to Capernaum. However, Israel is a very mountainous country. Nazareth is about 1400 feet in elevation and sits on the northern ridge of the Jezreel Valley. Capernaum, on the other hand, sits on the shore of the Sea of Galilee at an elevation of 700 feet below sea level. Do not miss the other details given in verse 31. What day of the week is it?

What is Jesus busy doing?

29. Luke 4:33-37 tell us while Jesus is in the temple teaching a man arrives. What was the man's problem?
30. Who is speaking in verse 34, the man or the evil spirit that tormented this man?
31. What did the evil spirit say about Jesus?

32. Jesus said, “Be quiet!” “Come out of him!”
Jesus did not need evil spirits to testify concerning his authority or his deity.
Luke, the physician, makes note that despite this traumatic experience, the man was not injured.
Read Mark 1:26 for a bit more detail.
What happened to the man, as the demon was leaving?

33. Were you surprised to learn there was a man in the synagogue who had an evil spirit?

Could someone be in church today and be possessed by an evil spirit?

This evil spirit was uncomfortable in Jesus’s presence. Where Jesus is present demons cannot stay.
Do you think this man wanted to be free of this evil spirit?

When you sit in church do you pray for the people around you?

There may be people in our service who long to be free of the evil that has them in bondage.

34. Read Matthew 10:1 and Matthew 28:18-20
What were Jesus twelve disciples given?

Matthew 10:1

“He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

35. What amazed the people in the synagogue that day, when Jesus commanded the evil spirit to come out?
36. Luke does not go into the details of Jesus calling Simon Peter to follow him.
(you might want to read, Mark 1:16-18.)

Luke does give us a few more details about the healing of Simon Peter’s mother-in-law.
What facts did you see concerning her fever?

Just like the man with the evil spirit, Jesus did not rebuke the person suffering.
What did he rebuke?

What was the result?

37. Simon's mother-in-law's strength was completely and immediately restored. This truly was a miracle. Have you or a loved one ever suffered with a high fever?

When the fever does break, what is the physical condition of the person?

Would you expect them to jump up and begin waiting on others immediately?

38. Jesus had performed a public and a private healing that day. As the word got around, many came with sick loved ones. What did Jesus do?

Luke tells us it was sunset when the people brought their sick loved ones to him for healing. Why do you believe they waited so late so long to arrive?

Go back and read Luke 4:31, what day of the week was it?

39. Read Exodus 20:8-11
What facts can be seen concerning the observance of the Sabbath?

40. While you are reading these verses in Exodus 20, glance at the whole section, verses 1-17. Do you recognize these verses?

What was to be the purpose of this day?

41. Luke 4:34 and 41 tell us the demons recognized Jesus. They knew exactly who he is. Write out their declaration when they came into Jesus' presence.

42. Did you notice the gentle, loving way that Jesus healed the people?

Fill in the blanks.

Luke 4:40 *"At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and _____ on _____, he healed them."*

43. People who are sick, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, often feel alone, even in a crowd. Are there people around you who need a compassionate and tender word or touch today?

44. The people wanted Jesus to stay and continue to heal and teach. Jesus said he could not do that, why must he go?

45. Often in scripture, we read of Jesus getting away from the crowd to a solitary place. Jesus withdrew alone to pray and spend time with the Father. If Jesus needed time away, alone with God how about us?

It is important to spend time alone with God. He is the source of our strength, and we need His strength to fight the spiritual battles of our lives. Time will not stand still waiting for us, neither can we stockpile it for a more convenient season. We must be intentional. We will spend our time on something, but will it feed our soul?

Believers need a time of rest, a time of prayer, and a time of worship. Intimate relationships require consistent time away from the distractions of the day. Are you careful to make time alone with God? What are some ways you are intentional about your time with the Father?