



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
Night to Shine—Friday, February 8

[set up]

This past week, Cleveland experienced some of its coldest days in many years. What did you do to survive???

Share some ideas with the group of fun things to do in the winter to not just survive but thrive in NEO.

[digging deeper]

If you were in service, what stood out to you? Did God use that message in any way in your life?

This past Sunday, Pastor Josh taught on the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness from Luke 4:1-15. Read that passage now.

In this passage, what are the similarities and difference between Jesus and Adam, Moses, and the Nation of Israel? (Hint: think 40 days, temptation to eat, wilderness, Mt. Sinai, the Old Testament Law.)

Satan tempted Jesus to question the Father's 1) Provision, 2) Path, 3) Plan. Of the three areas, what is the most difficult area for you to trust God? Why?

Daryl Bock, a New Testament scholar, wrote in his commentary *Luke, Vol 1*, "In fact, when God is obeyed in compliance to the Spirit, Satan can be resisted. Nonetheless, one should note that the road of resisting temptation is not always the easiest or most obvious road to take; in fact, it often means self-denial."

How does Satan tempt you to disbelieve God? What are some ways for you to set up boundaries or a plan to resist Satan's temptation?

Part of resisting temptation is memorizing Scripture. Right now, as a group, memorize one of the following:

Deuteronomy 8:3

“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”

Luke 4:8

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

Deuteronomy 6:16

“You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”

[living it out]

What would you do for the Lord if resources were of no limit? Have you considered Philippians 4:19, that says “God will supply all your needs, according to his riches in glory?” What would God’s supply look like in this area of your life?

[end with prayer]

End your time in prayer by reading the below quote and praying through the verses following.

“The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every man must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with his death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, 99)

Luke 9:22–26—“*The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*” And he said to all, “*If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*”

Share with your group this declaration as both a praise and as a prayer request.