

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at [redeemernestemple.org](http://redeemernestemple.org) under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage (printed below and in bulletin)
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together.

## Discussion Questions

1. Spend time catching up with each other following the break. If there are new people in your Community Group, take time to let them introduce themselves and have everyone else in the group briefly introduce themselves.
2. Do you ever feel that Jesus can't *really* know how it feels to be you? That he can't *really* understand the struggles and temptations you face? Why is that?
3. How is it that Jesus has actually faced a level of temptation that we could never know? How does this affect our heart's willingness to accept his ability to sympathize with us in our weakness? (see Heb. 4:15-16)
4. What was the nature of Satan's temptation of Jesus? How does this overturn Satan's temptation of Adam for us?
5. How did Jesus' temptation in the wilderness redeem the wilderness wanderings of Israel?
6. What weapons did Jesus have at his disposal to fight against the temptations of Satan? How are those weapons made available to us, and how can we use them?

## Announcements

- Ash Wednesday service: February 14 at 6pm
- Congregational meeting: February 25

## Luke 4:1-15

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.