



LUKE CHAPTER 4 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one thing that you take for granted in your everyday life?
- Who is one person that you take for granted in your everyday life?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Luke 4:1-44)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 4:1-13

- How do we as Christians sometimes just try and explain away how Jesus dealt perfectly dealt with temptation? What's wrong with this?

- We may just attribute Jesus being able to perfectly deal with temptation to the fact that He was God, and it was easier for Him.
- We may just say or think that Jesus knew Scripture and that this was enough in resisting temptation.
 - The problem with the first line of thinking is that Jesus had to learn obedience as a human being (Hebrews 5:7-8), so it wasn't just easy for Him. The problem with the second line of thinking is that although Jesus knew Scripture, He daily had to make the decision to apply it to every single aspect of His life.

□ How do you struggle with learning obedience in your walk with Jesus?

- This is an opinion and perspective question so please listen as the facilitator.

□ About the temptations of Jesus, William Barclay says the following.

- “Often, this is the pattern of temptation:

- Satan appealed to a legitimate desire within Jesus (the desire to eat and survive).
- Satan suggested that Jesus fulfill this legitimate desire in an illegitimate way.
 - What is one legitimate desire that God has placed within you that you are tempted to fulfill in an illegitimate way?

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Luke 4:14-30

□ In verses 18-22, Jesus is quoting a prophecy about Himself from Isaiah 61:1-2. Notice a couple of things about this prophecy about Jesus. He was coming to liberate people from their sin, to heal the brokenhearted, and to break spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical chains in people's lives but also notice the people's response to what Jesus said, especially at the end of verse 22. What does the people's response indicate about their mentality towards Jesus?

- They conceived of Jesus as being far too small, for their idea of Him was someone who fit into their nicely ordered packaging of who they thought Jesus

should be. It's interesting because on some level, they seemed to be far too familiar with who they thought Jesus was while at the same time really not having a clue about who He really was.

- How are your ideas about Jesus too small and really not indicative of who He really is?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - How do you think you can more fully embrace with open arms the liberation that God is holding out for you?
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- What would you have been so infuriating to the people about what Jesus said about Elijah being sent to the widow in Sidon and Naaman the leper being healed?
- Jesus was letting them know that they were the very people who should have been accepting Him, but they were actually rejecting Him. He's also letting them know that the very people that they look down upon are the same people that are actually accepting who Jesus is and what He has to say. This would have been and is a blistering rebuke on the listeners to whom Jesus was speaking.
 - How do you need to live a more desperate life for the Lord?
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Luke 4:31-44

- Notice the sequencing of events in this passage. Jesus had so many things going on, so much pressure on him to heal, so many expectations, so many voices to navigate and yet, in the midst of and after all this, He withdraws whether it be to rest or spend time with His Father or both. And then, the people try to prevent Jesus from leaving them and He doesn't honor their request.
- What does Jesus' withdrawal amid such a crazy busy schedule indicate about Him and what He knows about His Father?
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- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 5)

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