



PRODIGAL GOD

Discussion Guide

14-WEEK STUDY

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 3

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Luke 4:1-13



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 4:1-13

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To consider the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness and how they inform our own temptations

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Have you ever been to the desert for vacation or retreat? What was the highlight? What was the low-light (downside or hard part)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read through **Luke 4:1-13**. Then as a group, pray and ask God for insight into the text and then read it one more time.
2. What sticks out to you about the text? What is interesting or counter-intuitive for you about Jesus' actions? Jesus' words?
3. Pastor Brian offered that the three temptations Jesus faced are the same temptations we face each day of our lives. Where in your life do you see a temptation to:
 - Seek comfort apart from God's provision?
 - Seek to control a person or situation?
 - Seek to impress other people with your skills, success, education, job title, wealth, beauty, home...?
4. The power (ability) to withstand temptation is not connected to your ability to quote Scripture, BUT to believe the truth of what Scripture tells us about God. What passage or story in the Bible helps you remember God's provision for your greatest area of temptation?
5. Of the three practices Pastor Brian offered: 1) Generosity; 2) Contemplative Prayer; and 3) Confession, which is the hardest for you and why?

