## BATTLE READY



Luke: Battle Ready (Jan. 3 to 31)

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke (we began with our "Hindsight Is 20/20" Christmas series in Dec. 2020). "Battle Ready" takes us from Luke 3:1 through 5:26. From John the Baptist preparing the way, to the call of the 12 disciples, we'll see the start of Jesus' ministry as recorded by Luke in his gospel account.

## **Group Discussion**

Main Text: Luke 4:1-14

Other Texts: 1 Peter 5:8, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Corinthians 10:13

**Getting started:** Have you ever fasted from anything? What was that experience like?

- 1. Read Luke 4:1-2. Describe the scene in verses 1-2. Where is Jesus returning from (3:21-22) and where is he headed? At the end of the 40 days, describe the state Jesus is in when Satan begins tempting Him.
- 2. Satan tempts Jesus three times in these verses (3, 6-7, 9-11). What is at the root of each temptation? Which temptation do you identify with the most? (Physical pleasure, material things, pride in accomplishments)
- 3. How does Jesus respond to each temptation? How good are you at recognizing Satan's temptations in your life? How do you typically respond?
- 4. Read 1 Peter 5:8. What comes to mind when you think about the devil? When are you most vulnerable to temptation?
- 5. Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was subject to temptation? Why can we not overcome temptation with behavior modification or by trying harder? How do we?

## **Next Steps**

When Jesus was in the wilderness he answered each temptation with scripture. Scripture is our best weapon in the battle as well. Download the Redemption app, and use our daily Bible reading to read through the gospels with us this year.





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