

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,  
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

## Your Life Matters: Jesus and Temptation

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Immediately following his baptism, Jesus is led into the desert by the Holy Spirit. There he encounters forty days of temptation. Others have succumbed to temptation, but Jesus, using the Word of God as His defense, endures. This is another building block in Luke's case that Jesus is the Messiah.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Pastor Mike previewed the Fall series, Seven: Life Lessons from the Seven Deadly Sins. As you consider the seven, is there one you find the most troublesome? Is there another you think should be added to the list? (pride, anger, gluttony, greed, sloth, envy, lust)



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Are the 7 listed together in the Bible? Where did Mike say they came from?

Compare the temptations of Jesus (Luke 4) and Adam (Genesis 3). Why should it have been easier for Adam to endure the temptation?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

How does it make you feel when you reflect on Jesus' temptation? Is it important to you that Jesus was tempted?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What did Jesus rely on for his responses to Satan's temptation?

What practices and behaviors could be incorporated into your life to help you face temptation?

### ON YOUR OWN



#### PRACTICING

Find someone you trust and share with them an area where you experience temptation. (Remember, the temptation is not sin, it is the response that matters more.) Try giving them permission over the next 2-3 months to ask you if you have experienced temptation and still honored Christ through it. At the same time, commit to praying God will strengthen and protect you in that area.



#### PRAYING

Jesus it comforts me to know you also faced temptation. Though I sometimes give in, I am encouraged that you remained without sin. I am grateful that this allowed your death on the cross to restore me to your Father. Further, I give you thanks that you have provided a model for purity.



#### MEMORIZING

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet he did not sin."

(Hebrews 4:15)