

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

**Good News for Everyone** Message Series

**Testing Precedes Transformation**  
for the week of January 10, 2020

1. What is your greatest food temptation (that one food that always tempts you to eat just a little more than you know you should)?

Read Luke 4:1-13

2. What one or two encouragements speak to you most directly from this passage?
3. What difference does it make knowing that Jesus faced intense temptation and testing? Why do you think he does so here?
4. Read Luke 4:1-4 again. In this first temptation, we see the test is to focus on our ability to take care of our comfort or provision on our own, rather than trusting God to be our source of comfort and provision. When is a time you were tested in this way? Are you in a period of being tested whether you can trust God to comfort or provide for you?
5. In Luke 4:5-8 we see the next test revolves around gaining a level of control, success or popularity that we believe will bring us security. What makes you feel secure? How can that become an idol in your life? How can you tell when you've found your security in something other than in God?
6. In Sunday's message Jeff referenced how some believe this passage teaches Satan is in control of our world, but the consistent teaching of the Bible is that God is the one truly in control. Why do you think that it would be easy for people to make this mistake and think that the devil is in control? Where can we look in Scripture to remind ourselves that God is in control?
7. The final test we see Jesus go through is in Luke 4:9-13 where the temptation is to believe we do not have to go through pain to be transformed. Why do we try so hard to avoid pain in our lives? Why do you think God doesn't rescue us from every painful experience or situation but allows us to go through those?
8. When have you faced a period of testing that you just wanted God to take away a painful or uncomfortable situation or circumstance? What would have been different had you asked why you were in that place at that moment in your life?
9. What about right now? How can we pray for each other to see what God wants to teach us in the testing we are facing right now, so that we can experience transformation in our lives?



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