

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 5-15-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Where, in your life, did you find preparation for something very useful(i.e., a trade, hobby, trip, etc.? Discuss what that was together.

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 4:1-30 "Temptation and the Holy Spirit"

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to **not** do every question)*

1. Luke 4 starts right after Jesus' baptism. How did He determine to go into the wilderness and why would He go into an uncomfortable circumstance like that, only to be tempted 40 days? Does that make sense to you? Luke 4:1-2
2. Luke 22:31-34 refers to a conversation Jesus had between Himself and Satan, about Peter. Why would Jesus allow Satan to do that to Peter and the disciples and what similarities do you see between Luke 4 and this passage?
3. How would you respond if you were led into a "wilderness moment" by the Holy Spirit? Would anyone want to describe one of these times you had?
4. Pastor Al also spoke about Jesus being led by the Holy Spirit to do battle in advancing God's kingdom. How are you led by the Holy Spirit?
5. How can you look more like Jesus this next week in your efforts to "advance God's kingdom"? Think about all that Jesus went through to accomplish this.

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?