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Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, February 1, 2026

“Tested & True”

Luke 4: 1-13

Pastor Charles Godwin

1. What was new, different, or challenging from this message?
2. How does the fact that Jesus identifies with us in temptation give us hope?
3. In what ways is the setting of Jesus's temptation being in the wilderness significant?
4. The problem with temptation isn't only about the circumstance, but it is also about something else. What is that "something else" that is a problem for all of us? Why is it important for us to be aware of our hearts that are "deceitful among all things"?
5. Interact with the following quote by John Owen: "Be killing sin, or it will be killing you!"
6. In our text, we not only hear echoes of Israel's temptation in the wilderness, but we also hear echoes of Adam and Eve's temptation in the Garden. In what ways are Adam's temptation different from Jesus's? In what ways are they similar?
7. Discuss the progression from temptation to sin that James describes in James 1: 12 – 15.
8. In what ways are we tempted to mistrust God's providing care for us, and how does that manifest itself in sin in our lives? In what ways are we tempted to circumvent God's work in our lives in trials and pursue the "easy street" at all costs, and how does that manifest itself in sin in our lives? How are we tempted to put God to the test, and how does that manifest itself in our lives?
9. What do we learn from this text about fighting temptation? How does remembering how much God loves us help us in the face of temptation?