

**SERIES TITLE:** Becoming More Like Jesus

**PART TWO:** HOLY LIKE JESUS

**TEXT:** LUKE 4:1-13

**INTRODUCTION.**

At this very moment, if your faith is in Christ alone, God is at work shaping you into the image of his Son (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18). One day, in God's presence, you will be fully like him (1 John 3:2). Until that day of perfection, your growth in Christ-likeness won't happen accidentally. It takes intentionality. Through this seven-week study in Luke's Gospel, we are pursuing this together as an assembly of God's people.

**DISCUSSION.**

How would you describe the difference between a temptation and a test?

**EXAMINATION.**

Vv.1-2 Why do you think Luke emphasizes the involvement of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' experience in the desert?

For what reason(s) would Jesus have to face temptation?

How do we know temptation is not from God?

Vv.3-4 How would you describe this first temptation and Jesus' response?

Vv.5-8 What is the point of the second temptation?

Vv.9-12 How is the third temptation different, and what does Jesus mean about putting God to the test?

V.13 Does this surprise, discourage, or encourage you and why?

**APPLICATION.**

- Consider the first temptation. How might you be tempted to meet legitimate needs in illegitimate ways?
- In light of the second temptation, how have you been tempted to trade the ultimate for the immediate?
- Regarding the last temptation, how might you be tempted to manipulate God?

- How can you tell the difference between a test from God or a temptation to sin?
- Consider Hebrews 12:4. What one action will you take this week to resist temptation? How can you “up your game” in your personal struggle against sin?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?