

Sermon Title: Life in the Kingdom: A Life of Integrity

Sermon Scripture: Luke 4:1-13



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (3/23)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read Luke 4:1-13 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

What specific desires or needs did the devil use to tempt Jesus with during the time He spent in the wilderness?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit empower Jesus to overcome these temptations?

Read Psalm 1:1-3. What is the role of Scripture in leading us to bear good fruit?

Read Romans 12:2. What does this verse reveal to us about our need to be formed by God's Word? How does being formed by God's Word help us to live a life of integrity?

## **Application**

The temptations we face are often from things that seem reasonable or justifiable and things that if we do them, will lead to us having power, popularity, and success. In what ways are you most prone to face temptation? How might God be calling you to be formed by His Word in the present so that you can live with integrity even when you face times of temptation?

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live with integrity. How often do you pray to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit when you are facing or know that you will soon face a time of temptation? Is there a way that you could become more open to the Holy Spirit's presence before or while you are encountering temptation?

When we read Scripture, we begin by approaching Scripture with humility. What would it look like for you to begin your time reading Scripture by taking a posture of humility? How might you remain in this posture of humility when you encounter Scripture that you don't understand or that doesn't make sense to you?

For this week, the invitation to service is an invitation to claim a Bible verse for a friend, coworker, or family member and to pray that verse for them every day. How do you sense God calling you to participate in this discipline? What is one step you will take this week to respond?

## **Prayer**

Praise God for the ways that He works to transform our hearts and minds so that we can live our lives with integrity and according to His will. Ask God for forgiveness for any sin you have been convicted of during this time. Thank God for His Holy Spirit who speaks to us and who teaches us how to follow Him. Ask God to shape us through the reading of His Word so that we would truly be transformed into people who embrace life in God's Kingdom.