

**Sermon Title:**

**Sermon Text:**           **Luke 4:1-13**

**Speaker:**

**Sermon Notes:**

# Community Group:

Location:

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## **BIBLE READING PLAN**

### **Week 3**

- John 2
- John 3
- John 4
- John 5
- Matthew 12:1-21
- Mark 2
- Mark 3

## Week 3 Day 1

### Bible Reading: Luke 4:1-2

#### Questions for Reflection:

Where did Jesus go and who was leading Him there? What was the purpose or reason for going to this place?

What happened while Jesus was in the wilderness?

What is the significance of the fact that the Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted? Was it God's will for Jesus to go through this season of temptation?

The Bible tells us that Jesus did not eat anything for forty days. Voluntarily reducing or eliminating your intake of food for a specified amount of time is called fasting. Why had Jesus not eaten during this time? What is the purpose of fasting?

Why do you think Jesus began His public ministry with a forty-day fast in isolation?

## Week 3 Day 2

### Bible Reading: Matthew 6:1-18

#### Questions for Reflection:

In verse 1, Jesus warns us to beware of both our manner and motivation for practicing righteousness. What are the three activities He addresses in this chapter that should be a matter of the heart between God and an individual?

What is the overriding point of Jesus' teaching on fasting, prayer and generosity in this passage?

Notice in verses 2, 5, 7, 16 and 17 that Jesus uses the phrase: "when you give/pray/fast." Are these righteous practices commanded of us, or are they expected of us? Explain the difference between an expectation and a commandment.

How often do you include fasting—for spiritual purposes not just physical purposes—in the arsenal of tools you use for spiritual growth?

How often do you think you should include fasting as one of your spiritual disciplines?

### Bible Reading: Luke 4:1-13

#### Questions for Reflection:

When Satan tempted Jesus with bread, did His forty-day fast—and the hunger that went with it—make it easier or more difficult to resist? Explain.

We know the specifics of what Jesus was tempted with from these verses, but what was the nature of each of these temptations? What was the underlying motivation of the heart that was addressed?

In the last temptation (verses 9- 11), what new tactic did the devil employ? Why is this new scheme so dangerous to us?

Verse 13 tells us that the devil departed from Jesus. Was this the last time that Jesus dealt with temptation from the devil?

If the devil tempts us at "opportune times," what should we be doing to guard against falling into sin?