

### **How To Prepare For A Fight With The Devil**

Luke 4

Anytime you step toward God you have entered Satan's crosshairs.

#### **Outline:**

Jesus prepares and is tested.

Jesus declares and is rejected

Jesus heals and teaches with authority.

### **Dealing with the Devil - 3 Tests**

Initial Observation:

Jesus' testing takes place under God's **authority** and **direction**. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

- Test #1 - The **Rebellion** Test - "God wouldn't want you to be so hungry - take care of it yourself."
- Test #2 - The **Comfort** Test - "You can have it all and avoid the hard path."
- Test #3 - The **Faith** Test - "Will God really do what He said...go ahead and find out."

The Victory IN the battle comes from the work BEFORE the battle.

- Jesus is cultivating his relationship with the **Father**.
- Jesus is building his knowledge and dependence on the **word**.

Questions to self-evaluate

- How do I respond to a test?
- How do I respond to personal struggles?

## **Luke Chapter 4**

### Reading and Study Guide

#### **Bible Reading**

- Read Luke 4  
Or
- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page - NewStoryKC

#### **Personal Study**

Read Luke 4:1-13. This week we focused on how to prepare for a fight with the Devil. It would be nice to think that we won't ever have to deal with demonic forces, but the reality is that we will. How will you prepare yourself for those interactions? Jesus seems to immerse Himself in Scripture and specifically the book of Deuteronomy. What is one book of Scripture that you could study to arm yourself?

Read Luke 4:1 and Luke 4:14. Jesus is responsive to the Lord's leading. What helps you be responsive to the Lord? Is it worship music? Teaching? Studying Scripture? Accountability? What can you do to grow in being responsive to the Lord's leading in your life?

Read Luke 4:16-21. Jesus declares that He is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies concerning the Messiah. What stands out about His declarations on what He came to do?

Read Luke 4:22-30. Jesus compares the current generation to a wicked generation who refused to respond to God so God sent his messengers to the Gentiles. Jesus is communicating that their response is an opportunity for blessing or curses. How do you tend to respond to the hard teachings of the Scriptures?

How do you tend to respond and/or care for the oppressed and poor? Is that where Jesus lands?

Read Luke 4:31-44. There are several miracles in this passage. Miracles are visual indications of deeper realities. What realities can you take away from Jesus' miracles in this passage?

Jesus seems to have power over demons and the forces of evil. How can we cultivate trusting His power with the problems in our world?

Where do you tend to run when things are really bad? Luke seems to be teaching that we can and should run to Jesus. Jesus seems to demonstrate running to the Father.