

THE WAY ^{OF} JESUS IN OUR WORLD

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

THE POWER OF YES

LUKE 4:1-13

BEFORE YOU READ

- Before reading, take some time to be silent, have someone invite the Holy Spirit to quiet our hearts, and illuminate God's truth from the words of scripture.
- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

1. How come Jesus is led into the wilderness of all places? (Think about the story of Israel in scripture.) What do you notice about Jesus's responses to the temptations?
2. The first temptation is to make a rock become bread. On one level, the temptation is to satisfy hunger, but what do you think is the underlying temptation?
3. In the same way, what do you think the underlying temptation is behind the second and third trials?
4. The order of temptation in Matthew is Rocks, Temple Jump, Worship, and in Luke, it's Rocks, Worship, Temple Jump. If the biblical authors aren't concerned with chronological order, how come these temptations are in different sequences? What do you think Luke is trying to communicate?