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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

- Can you remember a time when you had to work really hard to resist a temptation? What would have happened if you gave in? What happened because you resisted it?

- Is there something you presently do on a regular basis that you know is wrong but find difficult to break, or is it so ingrained in your routine that you rarely even notice it?

INTO THE WORD
LUKE 4:1-13

- Three times Jesus is tempted and three times Jesus uses God's word to deflect the enemies' attacks. How can we intentionally seek a deeper understanding of God's word in times of temptation?

- Jesus spent time in the wilderness (desert), the Spirit leads Him there (Luke 4:1) and Jesus fasted from eating, it was when He was hungry and at His lowest that the temptations took place. How can we be prepared for low times in our life? Are there times that we need to be filled with the Spirit when seasons of hunger, hardship, hurt, temptation arise?

GOING DEEPER
LUKE 4:38-44

Previous to these verses Jesus was teaching in the synagogue (Luke 4:31-37), His teaching had people amazed (v32) because of the authority the message had. Jesus had a confidence and authority that had also stood up to the rejection in his home town (Luke 4:14-30) and now it was about to gain Him a lot of attention. After an all-nighter of healing people and casting out demons (v40-42) he goes to a solitary place. Luke 4 starts with Jesus in the wilderness and ends with Him retreating to be alone with God. Often our call comes from or is reinforced in our quiet times.

- If Jesus retreats then, how are we living as He called us to live? What are the barriers to spending quiet time with God and how do we overcome them?

- If we are to live as God called us to live, to withstand rejection, to live humbly, then how could we find time this week to find a solitary space to spend with God?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP