

Engage Bible Study: Luke 4:1-30
October 17-19, 2011



- A. What's in a genealogy? (3:23-38)**
- B. The garden revisited (4:1-15)**
- C. His ministry begins, and so does his rejection (4:16-30)**

Questions for Small Group Conversation

If the people around the table don't know one another please begin with introductions.

Opening Prayer: *God, thank you for this time together to open your word and grow closer to you and to one another. We invite your Holy Spirit into our conversation to open our eyes, hearts and minds to whatever you would have us learn. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

Open Up (pick one or both to get your conversation started)

- Tell a good story that comes from your genealogy.
- Name one temptation you struggle with. What's your strategy for victory?

Dig In

- Why do you think that Jesus' public ministry begins with temptation?
- If Jesus is God why doesn't he just destroy the devil and get it over with?
- Why do you think Jesus intentionally angered people with his first sermon?
- If someone were to ask you to describe the good news according to Jesus in Luke's gospel, what would you say? How is it good news for you?

Move Out

- Consider the things that tempt you away from dependence upon God or cause you to doubt God's love for you. Trust that God will provide the strength you need to trust that sin has already been defeated in your life.
- Notice how often Jesus quotes scripture? How much scripture can you quote? How much scripture does your daily life quote for the world to read? What can you do to immerse yourself more deeply in the bible?
- Jesus presses the good news beyond the accepted boundaries of the faith community. How can you do the same? To whom can you reach out with the love of God?

Next Week: – Luke 4:31-5:16 – A Ministry of Growing Popularity in Galilee

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