

Date: September 23, 2018
Scripture: Luke 4:1-14
Series: Heart of a Disciple



“Come follow me.” Words Jesus spoke to two people who would be part of a movement that God used to transform people lives. What would it mean for Jesus to ask you to follow him? Explore the heart behind **someone who says, “I follow Jesus.”**

Luke Overview:

Author and Date: Luke the physician around 61-62 A.D.

First readers and their location: Luke and Acts were first written for Theophilus Gentile believer who wanted more detailed information about Jesus and the early church.

Why was it written?: Luke himself gives us the reason for his **record of Jesus’ life:** “...I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been **taught.” Luke 1:3, 4**

Open-up

Is there anything from the reading plan that impacted you this week?

Deserts, by definition, tend to be dry and barren, places of **isolation**. **Would you be willing to identify a “desert” in your own life?** What was it like? How did you walk in or through it – or not? Where did you find your strength to carry on?



Into the Bible

Read: Luke 4:1-14

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, **repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...**) **Ask the question, "What does it say?"** (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

What are some of the events surrounding Jesus being in the wilderness (3:21-23; 4:14-28)

What do you notice about the temptation? What is Satan attacking with each passage he quotes? What do you see in each response by Jesus?



Into my life

Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"

Stop and think about this. Can you imagine being alone both day and night, eating nothing for 40 days, and being persistently and continuously tempted by our enemy, where accusations and whispered lies seeped into your soul! How does a disciple of Jesus persevere?

From this passage we see that the heart of a disciple depends **on the Holy Spirit and God's Word?** **What do you think the relationship is between the two?**

Reflect on the phrases “full of the Spirit,” “led by the Spirit,” “in the power of the Spirit.” What do they mean? What other Scriptures speak to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit? (some examples: John 14:25-27; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

In our “desert” experiences, what are some of our tendencies as humans? Whose voices can capture our attention? What do these voices say?

Can you identify a time when God’s Word clearly had something to say in your “desert” experience and you endured because you embraced it personally?

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What hope can we pull from this passage when we face our own deserts?

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week?
(Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on



Into the World

Ask, “what does this look like in my church or world?”

How will you prepare yourself for the temptations you will face this week?

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

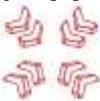
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