



# LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. In v. 1-15, Satan tries to cause Jesus to question the truth about his identity, his character and God's character. When you're feeling weak or vulnerable in your life where do you most often find yourself questioning the truth of what God says? Is it your identity, your character (falling back into old habits that you'd though you'd left behind), or God's character?
2. Throughout Luke 4 there is a lot of discussion about Jesus' dependence on the Holy Spirit. And in the Sunday Connection, one of the things Alex suggested was that we ask for a new relationship with the Holy Spirit. What do you think that means? How do you think you can do that?
3. In v. 31-37, Alex told us that Jesus spoke with authority - authority as a professor who teaches, and as a police officer who commands. How do you most often hear Jesus speak to you? Do you think you would benefit from being able to hear Jesus speak to you in both ways? Why/ Why not? What could impact or change the way you hear Jesus speak in your life?
4. In v. 38-39, Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. She's a woman so relatively unimportant to the story to not even be given a proper name and yet, Jesus takes the time to recognize her need and to heal her. Have you ever experienced Jesus in this way? Why do you think her natural response was to begin to serve the people around her?
5. Throughout this chapter Luke emphasises the moments where Jesus steals away to a solitary place. In fact, Jesus will often do this throughout Luke's account of his life. In that solitude Jesus intentionally takes time to pray and be with God. Why do you think this was so essential to his ability to live out his calling? How do you think Jesus was able to make time to do this?
6. Perhaps this week you could choose one of the things Jesus did in his daily practice of solitude - study of the word, fasting and prayer - and find an appropriate time/space to give it a try this week. Or maybe just take additional time to do it alongside your other time with God.