



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## **disciple:**

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

**01** Print the PDF.  
-or-

**02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally  
-or-

**03** Use the PDF transcribe into a notebook or journal.

## **5 marks of a disciple.**

- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally
- Know Jesus Intimately



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Week of Jan 30th // Conversation: Feb 5th  
"Not By Bread Alone"

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. A voice from heaven said "You are My beloved Son; with You, I am well pleased."

Then, Jesus went into the wilderness and was tempted by Satan for 40 days. Let's take a look at one of the first temptations that Satan presented to Jesus, and see what truths are there for us to apply today

## pray.

Before you dive into the Word today, pray first. It's always a good idea to begin with prayer because it helps get your mind into the right headspace. Talk to God and ask Him to quiet your mind. Ask Him to help you focus on His Word and speak directly to your heart. He knows what you need to hear!



# observe.

Marking key words in the text of Scripture helps slow you down when you're reading the Bible. If you use a different color for every key word, it makes it much easier to scan through the text to look for specific information. Mark one word at a time – don't do it all in one go!

- 01** Put a cross over any mention of Jesus, including pronouns like he and him. Don't forget other names for Jesus like "Son of the Most High".
- 02** Put a pitchfork over Satan, the devil and any corresponding pronouns.
- 03** Mark references to God and the Lord with a triangle. Don't forget pronouns!
- 04** Underline the word tempted.

## **LUKE 4:1 - 4 (ESV)**

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

Jesus was actually quoting Deuteronomy 8 when he said this. Let's look at it...



### **DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3 (ESV)**

2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

### **HEBREWS 4:14-16 (ESV)**

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **apply.**

- 05** Who led Jesus into the wilderness? What does this tell you? Was it a random occurrence that He was there?







# bring it together.

The Greek word for tempted in Luke 4 is “peirazo”. It means to try, test for the purpose of ascertaining the quality of something, or test one’s faith, virtue or character by enticement to sin. It’s no wonder Satan tempted Jesus with food – He had been in the desert with no food for 40 days!

Satan’s first words to Jesus were, “If you are the Son of God...” The challenge was to prove that He was indeed the Son of God by stepping outside the Father’s will and providing food for Himself.

Jesus’s first words in His response were, “It is written...” His weapon against temptation was the very Word of God. It’s something to which we all have access. Hebrews 4 says that Jesus was tempted in every way that we are but He was without sin. We can approach the very Word Himself (John 1:14) and find grace and help in our time of need.

Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 – a section of Scripture that accounts how God provided food for the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness. They had to trust that God would provide for them. If He didn’t, they would die. Jesus was in the same circumstance. He was in the wilderness with no food, fully reliant on God to sustain Him.

This is why it’s so important for you to study God’s Word for yourself! This is the power of the Bible in action! The more you spend time in it, the more equipped you will be. You’ll live not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Deuteronomy 8:3).



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# connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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