



# 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 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 oe of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passafes 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 uts 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.

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**03**

Use the PDF to 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 Feb 13th // Conversation: Feb 19th // **Luke 4:9-13**  
“Testing God”

After Jesus was tempted by Satan to turn stones into bread, and challenged to worship Satan in exchange for the authority and glory of all the kingdoms of the world, there was one last challenge. Satan tempted Jesus to test God. Let's take a look at how it all happened.

## pray.

Take time to quiet yourself before the Lord. Ask Him to remove any distractions from your mind. Give this time to Him as an offering, a sacrifice. You could be doing countless other things right now, but you're choosing to spend time in His Word. Ask Him to meet you where you're at and prepare your heart for this time together.

## observe.

Scripture has been printed below for you. Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text. This will help distinguish each keyword and let you see it much faster as you scan the verses.

- 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 God”.
- 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 other names like “The Most High”!
- 04** Circle the word test(ed)

### **LUKE 4:9-13 (ESV)**

9 And he [Satan] took him [Jesus] to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ 11 and ““On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” 12 And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.” 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

In verse 10, Satan is quoting Psalm 91:11-12. (Even Satan himself knows Scripture and can quote it!) The problem is that he used it out of context. Let’s see these verses in their original context.

### **PSALM 91:9-14 (ESV)**

9 Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place - the Most High, who is my refuge - 10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. 12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. 14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

Jesus replied to Satan by quoting Deuteronomy 6:16.

### **DEUTERONOMY 6:16 (ESV)**

16 “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

“Massah” was a place that was referenced in Exodus 17:7. In this chapter, the people of Israel were camping in a place where there was no water to drink in the wilderness. They began quarreling with Moses saying he had led them out of Egypt to kill them – they were even ready to stone him! They questioned whether God was really with them. Moses questioned them and asked them why they were testing the Lord. Had he not provided for them thus far? So God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb and water came forth from it so the people could drink.

### **EXODUS 17:7 (ESV)**

7And he [Moses] called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”





# apply.

**09** Why is it important not to take Scripture out of context? Why is it so important for you to know the Word for yourself? Remember, even Satan can quote it!

**10** How was Jesus's response an example of His trust in the Father? What was He believing about God?

**11** What about you? Do you believe God means what He says in the Bible? Do you believe you can take Him at His Word?



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## **bring it together.**

Whenever you are interpreting Scripture, context is key! You can make any verse say anything you want if you take it out of context. That's why it's so important to know what the Bible says for yourself! What verses come before? After? Who is speaking? When it is written? Why? These are all important bits of information to have on hand. Then you can discern when Scripture is being used out of context.

It's not enough to quote a little bit here and there. Even Satan can quote Scripture. You need to KNOW God's Word inside and out. Spending time with the Bible in a devotional just like this is a fantastic way to build up your knowledge!

Satan was baiting Jesus to test the Father falsely. Would God bear Jesus up and not let Him go crashing to the ground? Of course! But Jesus didn't need to perform that action to show God would protect Him. He was completely confident in His relationship with the Father that He didn't need to prove anything. He wasn't about to put God to the test needlessly.

Unlike the Israelites in the wilderness, Jesus had not forgotten how God had provided for Him in the past. God was with Him in that moment of temptation just as much as He had been in times past. And so it is with you. God is just as faithful today as He was yesterday, and His promises to you will never fail.

## **connect.**

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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