

In the Wilderness—Week Six

Main Idea

God often leads us into the wilderness to test and strengthen us against temptation.

Starter

What is something God has done in your life recently that you can celebrate?

Discuss

As you move toward celebrating Christmas with family and friends, what is a way you think your faith might be tested?

Scripture

Read [Matthew 3:16-4:11](#) and discuss.

- What is most interesting about Jesus that stands out to you in this passage?
- What do you learn from Jesus' example about fighting temptation?
- In your life right now, what is a spiritual battle or test of your faith you are going through?
- How could you follow Jesus more closely through your wilderness?

Apply

Have everyone do a Scripture and prayer exercise together.

- Pick 3 people to read [2 Corinthians 12:8-10](#) out loud to the group (3 different times).
- Have everyone listen for a phrase or idea that stands out to them.
- After you are done reading, have everyone spend a few minutes in silent reflection and prayer asking the Lord to show them what this passage means for their life.

Break up into groups of 2-3 to share what God puts on your heart and pray for each other as the Holy Spirit leads. (**If your group is small enough, you are welcome to stay together.*)