





SERMON GUIDE

## WAR AND WORD

Luke 4:1-13 | Pastor Larry Szyman

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

### Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Talk about a moment when you felt a lot of satisfaction and contentment because you successfully resisted doing something you knew was wrong? Share the story.

**Note About the Passage:** In this passage, Jesus is led by the spirit into the wilderness as he moves from his life as a carpenter to a full vocational ministry. There, Satan tempts him and Jesus is tested in a number of areas. It is a key turning point in Jesus' life that took place directly after his baptism.

#### S: Read Luke 4:1-13

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What are some reasons you think it would be important or valuable for Jesus to go through this test and these temptations before he launches into his ministry?

O: It is notable that verse 4:1 tells us that there were spiritual forces at play. Why do you think it would be important for Jesus to face Satan in the wilderness? What do you think it accomplishes or proves?

O: How would you put each of the three temptations in your own words? (ex. Jesus was being tempted to \_\_\_\_\_.)

O: Why do you think Satan used words of scripture to tempt Jesus? What do the words of scripture have to do with Jesus' character and purpose/ministry?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: In what ways are you being tempted and tested? What purposes (related to your temptation/testing) can you imagine God might have for your life that Satan would like to destroy?

A: Are there any situations coming up in your life that you know will create temptation (especially in your relationships with others)? Are there some truths from scripture that you know will help counter Satan's lie that it is ok to give in to those temptations? What resources could you utilize or who could you talk to and ask for direction?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.