



Hiss or His

What Does Evil offer You?

Luke 4:1-13; James 4:7-10

OPEN

Where have you witnessed *power* used for good? For Evil?

Do you think most people want more power? Explain.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 4:1-13

Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus is able to identify with us because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet he was without sin. In Luke 4 we have the famous story of Jesus being tested by the devil.

- Describe the context of when Jesus was tempted. Do you think the devil was strategic in how and when he tempted Jesus? Explain.
- What were the three temptations and responses of Jesus?

TEMPTATION	RESPONSE

- Any other observations from this passage in Luke 4?

DISCUSSION

In Luke 4:6 we see the temptation for *authority and splendor*. You may reframe this temptation as *seeking glory and exalting oneself*. If you were to be honest, are you vulnerable in wanting to exalt yourself (of family) over others? How?

The devil does not stop there, he tempts Jesus to worship him.

- What does it mean to *worship* or *serve* something or someone other than God?
- Why do you think worshiping people or things other than God (idols) are so tempting in our lives?
- What is unique about serving God that is different than serving/worshiping something or someone other than God?

To REALLY worship God requires three movements:

1. Humble yourself (James 4:10)
2. Surrender control (James 4:7; Luke 9:23-25)
3. Serve God with all you are and have (Luke 4:8)

Spend a few minutes thinking about your own life and the temptations that seem to find you.

- When are you most vulnerable to temptation?
- Which of the three movements do you find yourself resisting the most?
- What or who could help you worship and serve God more fully (applying all three movements to your life)?

NEXT STEPS:

- Continue to reflect on the study's Bible passages, discussion, and sermon this week.
- What would it mean to apply the responses of Jesus in Luke 4 to your own temptations?
- What would you need to do to live into James 4:7-10 more intentionally?
- Spend more time than usual in prayer this week. Ask God to expand your heart of worship of him only. Confess those things or areas of life that are not surrendered to God. Ask God to help you, through HIS power, to apply the three movements of worship to your own life and soul.