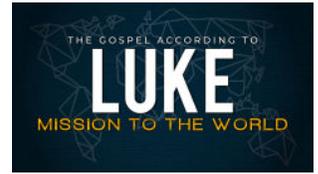


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the second Adam who succeeded where the first had failed by remaining unstained by sin and perfectly obedient to God the Father.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- How does the preceding passage help us understand the significance of this week's text?
- In what way(s) does this passage allude to Genesis 3? What are some parallels between this account and Israel's history (Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-3; 32)?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to serve as a "second Adam" (Romans 5:12-19)?
- Why do you think Jesus underwent temptation during his weakest physically (Hebrews 2:18)?
- Who is Satan? What was at the heart of Satan's first temptation?
- What provisions has God given to help us when tempted (Verses 3-4; 1 Corinthians 10:13)? Is God's word your authority, and does it take precedence in your life? How do you handle temptations, thoughts, and feelings that question God's goodness?
- Explain the irony of Satan's second temptation. In what way did God the Father providentially plan to grant Jesus all cosmic authority and power?
- What are some ways you are tempted to escape hardships that come with faithfully serving God? Where are you prone to seek personal happiness, fulfillment, and meaning outside God's love?
- How does Satan change his strategy in verses 9-12? What does it mean to test God? How do we avoid manipulating or misapplying God's word for selfish purposes?
- Discuss how Jesus served first as a Savior and secondly as an example for us during his temptation in the wilderness.