

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you? [Dialogue]
- 2. Let's read our primary text. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness?

 The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness as part of God's plan to prepare Him for ministry. This was a time of testing and spiritual strengthening, showing that even the Son of God faced trials.
- 3. What connections exist between Jesus' temptation and the people of Israel?

 Just as Israel wondered in the wilderness for 40 years, Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days, but unlike Israel, Jesus remained faithful.
- 4. Read Galatians 5:14-26. What do we learn from this text and our primary text?

 Jesus used what is accessible to all of us as believers; God's word, the Holy Spirit, prayer, fasting, silence, solitude, etc. "Walking in step" with the Holy Spirit just as Jesus did is essential to defeat the desires of the flesh and the schemes of the Devil. It is the Spirit that enables us to overcome, maintain a heavenly mindset, and walk according to the will of God.
- 5. What does it mean that the devil left Jesus "until an opportune time"?

 It means the devil's temptations would continue throughout Jesus' ministry, especially in

 Gethsemane and at the cross. Temptation is ongoing, not a one-time event, therefore we must always be on guard.
- 6. What do we learn about how to resist temptation?

 By relying on God's Word, trusting His plan, and refusing shortcuts or compromises. Scripture must be known, believed, and applied.
- 7. How does Jesus' victory over temptation give us hope?

 It shows He understands our struggles (Hebrews 4:15) and has overcome Satan. His victory ensures that we too can stand firm through His strength.
- 8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text? [Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Christ-Centered Exposition, Luke (Anyabwile)
- AI Resources (Apple, Chat GPT)