


JESUS THE SON OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 3:21-4:13

1 **In Luke 3:22, the Father audibly speaks about his Son, Jesus.** He says, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” How does knowing that you are loved by the Father, comfort or liberate you (1 John 3:1-3)?

2 **One author wrote, “temptations are strong appeals to satisfy legitimate desires in wrong circumstances, with wrong means, for wrong motives.”** Discuss that quote as a group. How does it make you think?


 *What are some of the legitimate desires that Jesus was tempted with in Luke 4:1-13? Compare those temptations with legitimate desires that tempt people in your age and stage of life?*


 *How does James 1:14-15 distinguish between temptation and sin? What are some reasons that difference is important for us to understand?*

3 **As you consider Jesus' response in temptation, how is it a model for you?** How can you prepare yourself ahead of time to resist your own temptations?

 *What strategies have you employed to keep you from sin? Which have been effective and which haven't?*

 *What help have you seen come from focused meditation on Jesus and prayer in times of temptation, and how does fleeing to Christ differ from fighting battles in your own strength?*


 What passages of scripture have helped you in times of temptation?

 Think of how you respond in the midst of struggle, what specific steps can you take to grow in speaking to Jesus, your temptation-resisting Savior?

4 According to James 1:1-8 and 1:13-17, temptation is from one point of view Satan's weapon to defeat us, but from another perspective, it can be God's tool to build us (James 1:1-8, 13-17).

 How has God positively used testing in your life? What has he taught you through difficult circumstances?

5 In Jesus' circumstance, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to fast and be tempted (Luke 4:1-13). The difficulty he faced was God's plan. The hunger he endured was God's plan. And ultimately the cross itself was God's plan.

 How does the temptation account and suffering of Jesus confront those who prefer to see ease, comfort, and satisfaction as God's will? What does it teach pain and risk-averse people?

6 Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Why or why not? How has Luke already testified of Jesus' divinity so far in this series?