

What stands out to you about this story?

Which of these temptations do you think would have been the most difficult for Jesus to withstand? Which would be most difficult for you?

Reuben discussed how the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3) and the story of Israel in the wilderness (for example Exodus 16:1-4) form the backdrop to the story of Jesus's temptation in Luke 4. In what ways do these Old Testament stories help us understand the significance of Jesus's temptations?

In what way is Jesus acting as our *representative* in this passage? What implications does that have for humanity?

“When I see Jesus as my representative in this passage, facing temptation on my behalf and winning the victory against Satan that I could never win myself, it changes the way I view this story. My response is no longer one of guilt but one of relief.” How can this be true for you?

Once we see Jesus as our representative in this story, *then* we can see him as our example of facing temptation. Why is this order important?

Reuben mentioned two ways in which Jesus shows us the power available to us in fighting temptation:

1. The power of the Spirit.

What role does the Holy Spirit play in this story? (see ch4v1 and v14).

How can the Spirit help us when we face temptation?

2. The power of the Word

How does Jesus use Scripture in facing temptation?

How can we use the Bible effectively in times of temptation?

What are some of the temptations you are facing at the moment? How can this passage give you encouragement and strength in these struggles?