



Luke 4:1-13

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1. Tests reveal and refine.

Luke 3:21-22

"Great faith is the product of great fights. Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs can only come out of great trials." — Smith Wigglesworth

2. Scripture corrects and directs.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 4:9-14a

3. When God leads you to it, he'll see you through it.

1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 46:1-3 (NIV); Psalm 46:10a

What is your script?

**All scriptures are from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

For this first small group of the year, consider sharing a high/low from the whole year.

Consider:

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Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Share a scripture that has meaning to you.
- ▶ How have you seen a test used to reveal or refine some area of your life?
- ▶ Read Luke 4:1-13. The devil used scripture for his own purposes and Jesus used it at the direction of the Holy Spirit. How can we avoid "cherry picking" verses?
- ▶ How would you answer someone who asked you why the Bible has more authority than Google?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Do you already have a scripture for your life this year? If so - share it with the group. If not, can you commit to praying and seeking one, and then share it with your group?

Bonus: Do you have a devotional reading plan for this year? YouVersion offers many plans. Consider OwnIt365 for an overview of the Old Testament and how it is revisited in the New Testament.

Care:

Thank God for the highs mentioned earlier and remember the lows in prayer.

Thank God for the unexpected blessings of 2020. Lift up the New Year and commit together to having scripture be your script.

Fill in the blank key: prepare; reveal, refine; corrects, directs; through