

### Bible chat week starting 6 3 22

1. If it's not too private, share about a testing time from your own life. What kept you strong, if anything? What did you learn from the time?

**Read Luke 4: 1 - 13.**

2. How does this story fit in the unfolding events of Jesus' life?
3. Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?
4. Consider what lay at the heart of each temptation. In essence, what did this period of testing or temptation prove about Jesus?
5. Look at the footnotes to each of Jesus' replies, giving references to the book of Deuteronomy, from which Jesus quoted in response to the devil. How does Jesus compare with the behaviour of the children of Israel?
6. The word translated 'temptation' can also mean 'test'. The devil might **tempt** us to do wrong; the Lord might allow **tests** to bring out what is good in our lives. When we experience a testing time, do we read this as an attack of the devil (an invitation to do evil) - or a testing of our faith from God?
7. The Lord's Prayer reads "*Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil.*" Can we see a testing time as an opportunity to do good (as in 'deliver us from evil')? Could **exactly the same circumstance** be experienced as a 'temptation from the devil'? Do we have a choice as to how we interpret a difficult time?