



Being Filled With The Holy Spirit: Desires That Turn Into Demands [Luke 5:1-11]

text

In verse 3 of the text, Satan begins his temptation by addressing Jesus as the “Son of God.” Jesus responds by saying “Man shall not live by bread alone.”

Reflect on Jesus’ response. Do you think it was significant that Jesus used the term “man” in his response? Why? How does Jesus’ response give you insight into Satan’s temptation?

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Pastor James talked about the difference between testing and temptation. Read James 1:12-15.

James was writing to Jewish Christian house churches outside Palestine, who were mired in persecution and poverty. They were in a tough social setting. As a result of the troubles, conflict has entered the churches, and they have splintered into fighting factions. Add to that the Apostle James’ warnings to them about their “double-mindedness” when it came to their faith.

What is the difference between temptation and testing?

What do you think are some fruits of testing someone?

Share a story of how testing in your life has brought you closer to God or to others.

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Jesus says in John 7:37, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart (*koilia*) will flow rivers of living water.’”

Break out into groups of two or three, gender specific, if possible.

As you search your gut (*koilia*), where do you sense a *thirst*? Or maybe *brokenness* is a better word. Maybe *guilt* is another one. Or *impatience*. Wherever you sense a deeper longing. How have you responded to this *thirst*, if at all?

Pray for each other according to what was just shared. Pray especially that the Holy Spirit who is in the midst of such thirst would reveal himself and show a pathway towards being filled.