**The Temptation- Jesus begins to Win Back what We Lost**

*Exodus 17:1-7; Luke 4:1-13*

* What roles does the Holy Spirit play (Luke 4:1) in the temptation story? What does this have to do with our own times of temptation (Galatians 6:1)? How much influence do you have over whether the Holy Spirit is working in your life (Ephesians 5:18-20)?
* What does this story tell us about Jesus of Nazareth? Why should that be important to us (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15)?
* What are our main tactics in relation to resisting temptation (James 4:7; 1Corinthians 6:18; 10:14)?
* Since the Devil is quite capable of quoting Scripture, what role does scripture play for you when you are tempted? Is it like a magic formula? How is it tied up in your ongoing relationship with God (Colossians 3:16)?
* How do Jesus’ answers from scripture expose the Devil’s lies- even the ones supported by scripture (2Corinthians 11:12-15)?
* The Devil wanted Jesus to take some shortcuts. What would Jesus have gained by taking the shortcuts- especially in relation to His later death on the cross (Hebrews 12:1-3)?
* What would we have lost if Jesus had taken any of the shortcuts? What would we have known about Jesus of Nazareth if he had taken any of them?