**OCF Small Groups:** *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don’t know Jesus, as part of an intimate group living this life of faith together.*

This Week’s Scripture: **Luke 3: 21- 22; 4:1-13**

1. What is significant about Jesus being baptized at the same time as “all the people” (v.21)?
2. How does Jesus’ sonship (v.22) form the basis for the way the Father sees you? What kinship do you sense with Jesus?
3. What means does Jesus use to resist the temptations from the devil?
4. Every Christian will be tempted at the points which matter most in his or her life. How can we learn to recognize and defeat the voices that whisper attractive lies to us?
5. What similarities in Genesis 3 are seen in the temptation story of Luke 4:1-13?

1. How does Hebrews 4:15 deepen your appreciation for Jesus and his faithfulness?
2. Three times Jesus responds to Satan with Scripture citations from the book of Deuteronomy. How does Deuteronomy 6:10–19 and Deuteronomy 8:1–18 highlight the contrast between Israel’s failures and Jesus’ faithfulness?
3. If the devil had three shots at you, what three temptations would he use?

1. God will test us (2Chronicles 32:31), but he will not tempt us (James 1:13). What’s the difference between being tested and being tempted?
2. Think about a time when God tested you. How did you respond?

**The Word and Prayer:**

* **Memorize and Meditate on 1 Corinthians 10:13 and James 4:7 (ESV)**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

* Spend time in prayer thanking God for his faithfulness in your life. Think about how “he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.” Ask, “Lord, teach me each day how to resist temptation, and submit my life to you. In Jesus name, Amen!”