

HOME CHURCH

MARCH 27, 2022 - LENT 4

HOME CHURCH GUIDE:

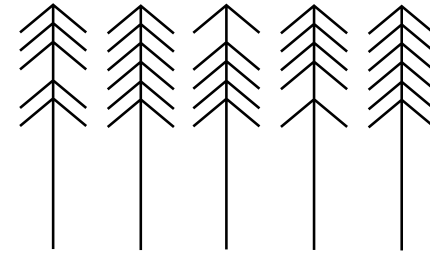
- CHECK-INS: Introduce, check-in
- CARE: Needs in the group
- COMPASSION: What is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbours to join in?
- GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS Church-wide and group-only
- DIG IN: "Breaking the Ice" question (group facilitator), discuss questions as a group
- PRAYER: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. Have you ever felt the need to be spectacular? Think about a time in your day-to-day life or in a church context when you felt pressured to be extraordinary. Share with your group.
2. Why do you think that Christians all over the world (even devout Christians) often hold a view of Jesus that looks more like Superman than the Jesus portrayed in the New Testament?
3. During the Sermon we discussed how Jesus re-writing the ending of the Garden and Desert narratives. How does this impact our story as human beings? How does this impact our understanding of God?
4. Why do you think human beings often feel the need to tempt/test God? Why is it so much harder to wait and trust in him?
5. Read the following quote by Julie Canlis: "With the coming of the Son, our ordinary existence is taken on, infiltrated, recreated, and redeemed. The Son inhabited all parts of human existence to transform then become the one from whom our ordinary lives can now be lived, this is an extraordinary miracle, and extraordinary benediction upon our ordinary lives." Meditate on this quote for a minute (re-read if necessary) and then jump to the next questions.
6. How can we live our ordinary lives through Jesus? What would this look like in practical terms?
7. How can we become more aware of the Spirit's voice inviting us to let go of the extraordinary and to live into the beauty of the ordinary?

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THE JOURNEY OF JESUS

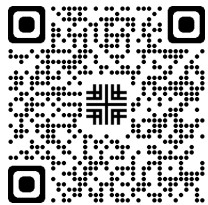


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THE TEMPTATION TO BE SPECTACULAR with Andrés Pérez

Luke 4:1-14

The third temptation to which Jesus was exposed was the temptation to do something spectacular. In the words of Henri Nouwen, "Jesus refused to be a stunt man. He did not come to prove himself. Don't put the Lord your God to the test, he said (ITNOJ, 41). We explore how the example of Jesus should challenge the way we respond to the temptation to be spectacular in a competitive and individualistic society.



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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1: Recap

0.2: The Temptation to Be Spectacular: Luke 4:9-13

1: THE SETTING: A CULTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT

1.1: Do a Flip!: Yes, Another Meme

1.2: The Gospel of Homer Simpson: The Super Being

2: THE PLOT: AN OLD STORY

2.1: Back in the Garden: Gn. 3:1-4

2.2: Back in the Desert: Ex. 17:1-7, Deut. 6:16

3: THE CONFLICT: A NEW ENDING

3.1 The Illusion of Separation

3.2 A New Ending for An Old Story (Is. 7:14)

4: THE RESOLUTION: A NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN

4.1: A New Way to be Human

4.2: A Theology of the Ordinary

5: CONCLUSION

5.2: The Spirit at Play

5.1: An Extraordinary Benediction Upon Our Ordinary Lives