

something is an opportunity or a temptation: Christians listen to the Spirit of Christ as they immerse themselves in the Holy Scriptures and surround themselves with wise counsel in Christian community. Response?

### Full of The Spirit, Led by the Spirit

Pastor Luke is deeply concerned that his fast-growing church will see in Jesus their example for all things human. Jesus is the exemplar for what it means to be fully human, not super human but fully human; therefore, Luke tells the story of Jesus' temptation so that his church will use Jesus as a model for how one resists the slithering voice of the serpent's invitation to do "what feels right." "It can't be wrong if it feels right." Response?

### The Means are the End

The devil is trying to get Jesus to take the easy way out with letting the ends justify the means. But the means through which God in Christ saves the worlds is the end. Jesus comes to offer God's self in sacrificial love for the sake of sacrificial love. The means (forgiveness, grace, and love) are the end. Response?

#### Notes



**Starts this week \* Sign up in the foyer**

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Order of Worship  
10 March 2019  
First Sunday in Lent

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Scripture Reading: Luke 4.1-13  
Sermon: "Temptation"

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Song of preparation  
Prayer of Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,***

***Please take time to fill out a***

***Connection Card.***

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## COMING SOON

March 10 Day Light Savings Time Starts	2:00AM
March 10 Market Street Breakfast Mission	7:25AM
March 11 Marysville Table Group	6:30PM
March 12 Team and Board Meetings	6:30PM
March 14 New Cumberland/Mech/Etters Table Group	6:30PM
March 16 Children's Workers Appreciation and Training	10:00AM
March 17 Common Meal (all invited)	12:30PM

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### Question for Everyone

(1) The ends justify the means as long as the end is just.  
(10) The ends must be examined on their own merit because it doesn't matter what the ends are if the means are corrupt.

## Lenten Spiritual Formation Plan

What are you fasting during the Lenten Season so as to create more space for God and the things that are important to God? What practices have you added to your rhythms and routine so as to be more deeply formed in the way of Jesus? How's it going so far? What are you learning? What struggles are you encountering? Have you been tempted to break your fast yet?

## Temptation

Temptation is nothing more or less than the reality every human being faces. Jesus was tempted because Jesus was human. One of the things the tempter likes to do is convince you that your temptation is somehow unique to your particularly depraved status. "No child of God would be tempted this way." Response? What do your temptations reveal about you?

## The Ends Justifying the Means

Notice that in this story the temptations are all about the ends justifying the means. This is perhaps the most ingenious way old Split Hoof gets us to do his sinister bidding. "Let's get some good done no matter how we get it done, a little coercion here, a white lie there, as long as the ends justify the means." Talk about the number you chose in response to our question for everyone.

## The Fine Print

It's important to read the fine print before one gets into cahoots with Beelzebub. No self-respecting devil will lead with all that could go wrong when one yields to temptation. Ever read the fine print in order to resist temptation?

## Going with the Gut

"What does your gut say?" is not a Christian question. A Christian question is more like: Is the Spirit of Christ leading me? Am I seeking the mind of Christ in this matter? This is how Christians discern whether or not