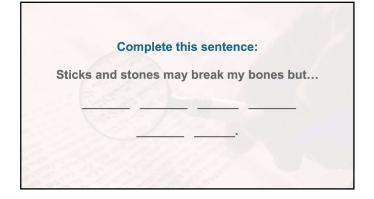
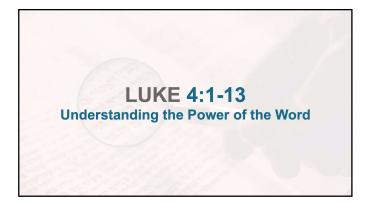


# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS The Words of Jesus (Week 2): It Is Written (Luke 4:1-13)

- 1. How would you answer someone who asked, "How do you know the Bible is true?"
- 2. What is the difference between knowing the Bible and living it? Which one do Christians lean towards and why?
- 3. How has God proven faithful to His word in your life?
- 4. Why are there so many versions of the Bible?









#### TESTING VS. TEMPTING (James 2:2-4, 12-15)

•TESTING — Assessment of your faithfulness to God and/or your progress; to spur growth towards completeness in the Christian faith.

•TEMPTING — To entice or persuade you to be unfaithful to God and/or digress or abandon your Christian witness.

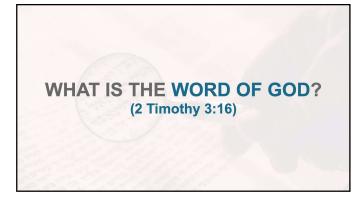
# WHEN NOT TO MAKE DECISIONS

- 1. H HUNGRY
- 2. A ANGRY
- 3. L LONELY
- 4. T TIRED

#### **3 TOOLS OF TEMPTATION**

- 1. Discontentment / Entitlement (Lk. 4:3-4; Mt. 4:3-4)
- 2. Compromise (Lk. 4:5-8; Mt. 4:8-10)
- 3. Doubt (usually the Character of God) (Lk. 4:9-12; Mt. 4:5-7)





All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

# **3 WAYS TO EXERCISE THE WORD OF GOD**

•KNOWLEDGE of the Word (Luke 4:1-13)

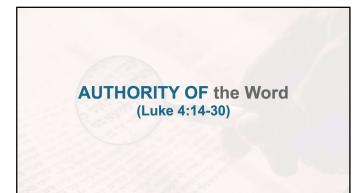
•AUTHORITY OF the Word (Luke 4:14-30)

•AUTHORITY IN the WORD [Jesus] (Luke 4:31-37)

KNOWLEDGE of the Word (Luke 4:1-13)

•2 Timothy 3:16 — Useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

•Debating secular worldviews



#### AUTHORITY OF the Word (Luke 4:14-30)

•Gives us our identity

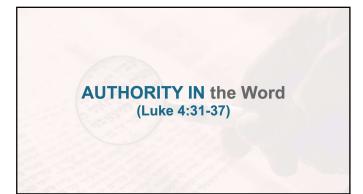
•Sets the mission

•Authorizes spiritual offices and power

•Reveals people's hearts and agendas — Luke 4:23-29; Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- Hebrews 4:12



#### AUTHORITY IN the Word (Luke 4:31-37)

•Commissions and authorizes the person with spiritual authority

•Proclaim the gospel and make disciples

•Places you on Satan's most wanted list

# AUTHORITY IN the Word (Luke 4:33-37)

Mark 16:15-17a — He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons. What happens if we try to live as Chrsitians without AUTHORITY IN the word? (Acts 19:13-16)

Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

- Acts 19:13-16

One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

- Acts 19:13-16

As a believer in Christ, demons will know your name and hell will tremble when you get out of bed.

Do you any demons know your name?

# **3 WAYS TO EXERCISE THE WORD OF GOD**

•KNOWLEDGE of the Word (Luke 4:1-13)

•AUTHORITY OF the Word (Luke 4:14-30)

•AUTHORITY IN the WORD [Jesus] (Luke 4:31-37)

# **ACTION ITEM**

Pray for 30 minutes each week (all-at-once or divided up), over the next 3 weeks that God gives you the AUTHORITY IN the WORD as it is written in Mark 16:17a.

