

# **In The Wilderness**

**This study guide is intended to be used for personal study and within your community group to facilitate discussion.**

**Read Matthew 4:1-11**

- (1) What stood out to you in this passage?**
- (2) In this passage, we see Jesus tempted, as it relates to announcing and enacting the Kingdom of God, in 3 specific ways. First, to base his ministry entirely on good works. Second, to convince people using signs/miracles. Third, to conquer in the way of kings of old (and presently as Caesar) through violent force.**
  - a. Why does Jesus decide not to base his ministry entirely on good works? What role does good works play during his ministry?**
  - b. Why does Jesus decide not to base his ministry entirely on the miraculous? What purpose do the miracles he performs have during his ministry?**
  - c. Why does Jesus decide not to conquer in the way of previous kings/generals, using violent force to establish his rule?**
- (3) As the Church, how have we given in to these same temptations?**
  - a. How can we remain faithful to Jesus?**