**Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness Luke 4: 1 - 15**

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

3The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’

5The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’

9The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you
    to guard you carefully;
11they will lift you up in their hands,
    so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’

12Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’

13When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

14Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

**River Wilderness Villages**

Power
Released

Identity
Tested

Affirmation Received

**Wilderness – If you are the son of God…**

How does Satan attempt to get Jesus to - question his identity?

* test God’s identity?

How might we be affected by temptations around appetite, ambition and affirmation today?

**Don’t resist temptation by relying on your ability, instead rest on God’s identity.**

God is great – so I don’t have to be in control

God is Glorious – so I don’t have to fear others

God is good – so I don’t have to look elsewhere

God is gracious – so I don’t have to prove myself

How do these statements speak into situations and temptations in your life?

**God will always use our wrestling in the wilderness to release power**

Some of us need to get into the desert.

Some of us need are wrestling in the desert and God is calling you to rest on his identity and as you do so to receive power.

**Where do you see desert and wilderness – what is God saying to you?**