

**LifeGroup Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**Luke 4 – Finding Life in the Detours**

1. Have you ever felt the “applause of heaven?” A settled sense that God was pleased with you, with something that you had done?
2. Have you ever pictured God as your greatest fan, cheering you on from heaven? When? Can you imagine Him speaking those baptismal words over you? “You are my son, my daughter, you please me. I love you.” Why is it so much easier for us to imagine God being disappointed by us, than cheering us on?
3. Do you have a wilderness story? What is it? What did you learn in your wilderness?
4. In the wilderness we find that “God loves us and has a difficult plan for our lives.” What do you think about that statement? Does it give you hope? A bit of fear?
5. Dan said that misery prepares us for ministry. Tribulation authors our testimony. Hardship deepens our hunger for God and suffering shapes us for glory. How have you found that to be true...or not true in your experience?
6. Read Acts 14:22, 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, 1 Peter 1:6-7, and I Peter 4:13. What do these verses tell us about hard times.
7. Read Luke 4:14-19. The battle in the wilderness is not just about us. It’s not just for us. It’s for others. How does that help you in your wilderness?
8. Where/How is God calling you to lean away from whatever you are trusting other than Him? (Remember the mountain climbing story.)