

THE KING'S TESTING

We have no sufficient strength of our own. All our sufficiency is of God. We should stir up ourselves to resist temptations in a reliance upon God's all-sufficiency and the omnipotence of His might.

-Matthew Henry

Additional texts: Exodus 17, Deut. 6 & 8, Psalm 91, Romans 5

I. Questioning God's Provision

II. Questioning God's Protection

III. Questioning God's Plan

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. Would heading out into the wilderness be a positive or negative experience for you? Why?

Into the Bible

2. Read Hebrews 7:25-27. Why does the writer say that it is so important that Jesus be sinless? And from Hebrews 2:17-18, why was it so important that Jesus undergo temptation?

3. Although we often sin because of our own sinful desires or our love of a fallen world, Scripture makes it clear that the Devil, our adversary, is both active and dangerous. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and John 8:44. How does the Bible characterize Satan and his actions?

Application

4. According to I Peter 2:21 “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and Romans 5:3-4. If we see Christ as our model, how should we respond to the suffering and testing that God allows, and even brings, into our lives?

5. If you feel comfortable enough to do so, share with your group the temptations that you struggle with the most and ways that you defend against these weaknesses. You might find help answering this question in James 1:12-18.

For Families

6. Jesus quoted the Bible in response to Satan. Talk to your children about the importance of memorizing Scripture. Psalm 119:11 is a good place to start.