



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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### **Mark 1:12-13**

1. Mark's account of Jesus' wilderness temptation is the shortest of the gospels. Matthew gives the most detailed account. Read Matthew 4:1-11. In what ways was Jesus tempted? How did he respond to temptation?
2. According to Mark 1:12, who drove Jesus into the wilderness for testing? How does this fact give you encouragement when you encounter trials in your own life?
3. How does Mark 1:12-13 help you to respond to people who believe that all trials in their lives are the result of sin or a lack of faith?
4. In what ways did God provide for Jesus' needs during his wilderness testing? When have you been forced to trust God's provision in your life? What did you learn from that experience?
5. According to Hebrews 4:14-16, Jesus is our Great High Priest who has been tempted as we are, but was without sin. How do we, as Christ's followers, share in his wilderness victory?
6. The word picture from Mark is strong. After Jesus' baptism, he was *immediately* driven into the wilderness. Satan attacked Jesus as soon as God anointed him and affirmed him. How has Satan attacked you when you've tried to serve Jesus?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Matthew 4:4. Discuss ways that we are nourished by the Word of God.