

July 13, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“Wilderness Summons” -- Mark 1:1-13

1. What does it mean that God summons His people into the wilderness? How does this shape your understanding of suffering or discomfort in the Christian life?
2. Why do you think the wilderness is often the starting place for spiritual renewal in Scripture? Can you name a time when this was true in your own life?
3. What are some “status quo” comforts you tend to cling to rather than trust God in a wilderness season?
4. How do we interpret hardship: as God's absence, or His loving presence in disguise? What does this passage challenge in our assumptions?
5. What does John the Baptist's ministry reveal about preparing for Jesus' coming—then and now?
6. Jesus went into the wilderness with the Spirit and under the Father's approval. How does this reframe your view of spiritual testing?
7. What does it mean that Jesus baptizes us with the Spirit of power, not timidity? How can that power shape your response to trials?

