

# SUNDAY @ EMMAUS

2.26.23 Gathering #935/Livestream #155

series: **The Benefits of Temptation**

sermon: **Entering the Wilderness**

---

## Two Stories

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came to him...."

(Matthew 4:1-3)

## A Brief History

We observe Lent not because \_\_\_\_\_  
but because \_\_\_\_\_.

## Forty Days

- Genesis 7:4 The Great Flood
- Num 13:25 The Israelite spies
- Exodus 16:35 Israel in the wilderness
- Exodus 24:18 Moses on Mt Sinai
- 1 Sam 17:16 Goliath's taunts
- I Kings 19:8 Elijah's fast
- Jonah 3:4 Jonah's warning

## Fasting

The Outward Journey

The Inward Journey

## The Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7 (page 496)

## The Twist

## WELCOME!

We'd love to get connected!  
Please use your phone camera to scan  
this code if you'd like to share your  
contact information.



## TODAY

- 2.26: Lent sermon series begins: The Benefits of Temptation
- Copies of the book companion to this series are our gift to you today! (One per household please).

## NEXT

- 3.3-5: Women's Retreat
- 3.19: South Africa Mission Trip meeting: 12:30
- 4.7: Good Friday Prayer 6:30
- 4.9: Three Easter Sunday Gatherings @ 8, 9:30, 11!
- 4.28: Rich Lester's ordination: Hope Point Church of the Nazarene, Yuba City.
- 4.30: Rich Lester's ordination party: Four Score Coffee, Roseville, 6-8p.
- 5.21: Membership Information Class
- 5.21: South Africa Mission Trip meeting: 12:30
- 6.11: Final S. Af. Mission Trip meeting: 12:30
- 6.11: Baptism at Lesters' in the evening
- 7.17-21 Kids Summer Camp at the Theater

---

## A PSALM A DAY

Our community is reading and praying a psalm each day. Go to [adailypsalm.com/emmaus](http://adailypsalm.com/emmaus) to stay on track. Today's psalm: #57

---

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK'S HOME GROUPS:

- Have you ever observed Lent? If so, what was your experience?
- What in the sermon, if anything, raised a question for you?
- Is the "wilderness" something you have embraced or resisted?
- Have you found wilderness experiences to be spiritually helpful or harmful?
- How might you lean into a wilderness (this Lent) with greater hope?