1. **Luke 4:9-11**

* In this final tempting, what was offered to Jesus?
* **Psalm 91**
* Which verses from the **Psalm** did the “devil” quote to Jesus?
* What does the following verse in the **Psalm** quoted say a person under God’s protection will be able to do to the “dragon”?
* **Revelation 12:1-12**
* Who is the “dragon,” in **Revelation**, according to the scriptures?
* What is ironic (or odd) about the “devil” quoting this **Psalm** to Jesus (if anything)?
* Reflect back on **Revelation** **12** and share who all you believe the passage is talking about?
* **Genesis 3:11-15**
* Who is this story about in **Genesis**?
* What will the “offspring” do to the “serpent” according to the scriptures?
* How might this story in **Genesis** relate to Mary and Jesus?
* How might this story in **Genesis** relate to us Christians?
* How is this scripture in **Genesis** being fulfilled through Christ actions in **Luke**?

1. **Luke 4:12-13**

* **Deuteronomy 6:16-19**
* What verse from **Deuteronomy** does Jesus use in his final rebuke to the “devil”?
* What effect did the Word of God have on our enemy?
* What do you believe it means, that the devil “departed from him for a time”?
* **Catechism 538-540**
* The **Catechism** states the devil departs “until and opportune time”, what does this say to you about his tactics?
* What liturgical season is united to this “mystery of Jesus in the desert”?
* Please reflect for a moment on these words of the **Catechism** and then share something that comes to mind.
* **St. Augustine** (354 AD – 430 AD) *Sermon 248.5*

“When the Lord had been tempted with this **triple temptation** because in all the allurements of the world these three are to be found, either **pleasure** or **curiosity** or **pride**, what did the Evangelist say? After the devil had concluded every temptation, every kind, but of the alluring sort, there remained the other sort of temptation, **by harsh and hard treatment**, savage treatment, atrocious and ferocious treatment. Yes, there remained the other sort of temptation. The Evangelist knew this, knew what had been carried out, what remained, and so he said, “after the devil had completed every temptation, **he departed from him until the time**.” Satan departed from Jesus in the form, that is of the insidious serpent. He is going to come in the form of the roaring lion. The one who will trample on the lion and the cobra will conquer him. Satan will return. He will enter Judas and will make him betray his master. He will bring along the Jews, not flattering now, but raging. Taking possession of his own instruments, he will cry out with the tongues of all of them, **“Crucify him, crucify him!”** That **Christ was the conqueror there**, why should we be surprised? **He was almighty God**.

* Considering all we have talked about today, what did Jesus’ temptation by the “devil” teach you?