

## GO DEEPER

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Describe the time. What was it like? Did it coincide with a life stage?

What was the hardest part of that season?

Who was helpful during that time? Why?

How did your wilderness season resolve?

Looking back, how did God shape you during that season?

Were there unexpected gifts that came out of that season?

### **Read Matthew 3:13-4:17**

What stands out to you from this story? Why?

What questions do you have from this passage?

Why does Jesus go out into the wilderness? What is significant about it?

Is God present with Jesus in the wilderness? How?

How does Jesus' story mirror the Exodus story? What is similar? What is different? What is the significance of this?

What does God seem to be doing in both these wilderness times?

When you make big decisions in life do you regularly listen for God's direction?

Why or why not? If yes, how?

Do you test what you hear against the scriptures? How?

Do you also involve Christian community in your listening and testing?

What is dangerous about discerning and deciding in isolation?

Pastor Adam talked about the overlap of Passion, Ability, and Opportunity.

How does God work in and through each of these areas?

How can examining these things help move us out of the wilderness?

Why is it critical to also consider Wisdom on top of the other three?

Is there anything specific Jesus is inviting you into through this study?

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