

# Inevitable: You Will be Led into a Desert Place

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction

a. What comes to mind?

b. A Familiar Story

### II. Lesson 1: The Wilderness is Inevitable

The wilderness is inevitable because we are in the devastation!

### III. Lesson 2: Focus on What versus When

### IV. Lesson 3: It prepares us for Blessing

### V. Lesson 4: It prepares us for Battle

### VI. The Call: \_\_\_\_\_!

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together

1. When you think of a real vacation, what comes to mind?
2. When you think of a spiritual wilderness, what comes to mind?

### Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What stands out to you about this passage?
2. Not everything in Jesus' life is normative but way more of Jesus' life and way of life is normative than comfortable Christianity wants to admit. As a group, brainstorm a list of things that in Jesus' life were unique to him alone, and then brainstorm a list of things where He was providing the pattern or way for us to follow living like him.

How much of the list of normative practices that Jesus established are beginning to be evidenced in your own life? Share two or three that stand out.

3. Do you believe there is a tendency for humans to focus on the "why did this happen" versus the "what am I going to do now that I am here"? Why or why not?
4. Share, if you are able, how a time of wilderness/devastation actually helped you be prepared to receive God's blessing in your life.
5. How did the temptation of Jesus help prepare Him for the battle that was still in front of Him? What lessons could he have learned through this encounter?
6. How are you doing right now with all that is going on around you in the world? Does it feel like a time of wilderness? Why or why not?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?