



Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

November 9, 2025
Series: The Big Idea
Title: Wilderness
Text: Matthew 4:1-11

1. Have you ever spent time in a literal wilderness, hiking, camping or traveling far from what's familiar? What feelings or memories come to mind when you think of that experience?
2. The word "wilderness" can also describe a season of life that feels uncertain or lonely. When have you felt like you were in that kind of wilderness, and what helped you find your way through?
3. What stood out to you in the message titled, *The Big Idea: Wilderness*? Did a story, image or idea help you see this part of Jesus' story in a new light?
4. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What details stand out to you in this passage? What do you notice about Jesus' posture or attitude during his time in the wilderness?

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5. The Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness right after his baptism. Why do you think this difficult, solitary experience comes so early in his ministry?
6. How do Jesus' responses to temptation show us something about trust, identity and purpose? What might it look like to respond in similar ways when we're tested or stretched?
7. Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3. These verses recall Israel's wilderness journey and God's provision of manna. How does this passage deepen your understanding of what the wilderness can teach us?
8. Read Mark 1:35-39. Even after his wilderness experience, Jesus often seeks solitude and prayer. What might this tell us about the ongoing importance of wilderness rhythms in a faithful life?
9. In what ways might the wilderness be not just a place of hardship but also of preparation, healing or even transformation? Where might God be inviting you to trust more deeply in a wilderness of your own?
10. How can your group pray for you this week, especially if you or someone you love is walking through a wilderness season?

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