

## Home Group Notes – 10<sup>th</sup>. March 2019

### Icebreaker

Do you remember any testing times when you needed help to overcome problems and what solution did you find?

**Worship** Say or sing together this hymn, A&M 56

*Forty days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.*

*Sunbeams scorching all the day; chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
Prowling beasts about Thy way; stones Thy pillow, earth Thy bed.*

*Shall we not Thy sorrows share, and from earthly joys abstain  
Fasting with unceasing prayer, glad with Thee to suffer pain?*

*And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit shall assail,  
Thou, his vanquisher before, grant we may not faint or fail.*

*So shall we have peace divine; holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us too shall angels shine, such as ministered to Thee.*

*Keep, O keep us Saviour dear, ever constant by Thy side;  
That with Thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

After a time to reflect, the leader should close this section in prayer.

### Bible Study Read Luke 4:1 - 13

1. Until the time of His baptism by John, Jesus had not been identified as anybody special to the general public. What do we now know about His earlier days? What do you think He would be most in need of from then on? Also See **Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 13:53 – 58.**

2. Jesus was led into the desert to be tempted (tested would be a better word) by the devil for 40 days and nights. What is the

significance of the number 40? See **Exodus 24:15-18; 34:27-28; Deuteronomy 8:1-3; 1 Kings 19:3-9.**

3. Jesus' first test after fasting was the obvious one – relating to His hunger. What was Jesus' answer to the devil, and why did He use it? See **Deuteronomy 8:3** again.

4. The devil offers Jesus **power** – he offers Jesus the world if only Jesus worships him? What is false about this offer, and what was Jesus' reply? See **Psalm 24:v1-2; Deuteronomy 6:13.**

5. The next test by the devil was a suggestion of the quick route to fame. What technique did the devil use this time? Why is this wrong to do? **Read psalm 91.** What is this psalm really about? Where did Jesus answer come from this time, and what was the original incident that referred to? See **Deuteronomy 6:13-16; Exodus 17:1-7**

6. If even Jesus had to go through a time of testing before He set out upon His public ministry – what sort of testing do you think each one of us might expect – as Jesus' disciples of our own time? Compare with – **Luke 9:1 – 6 & Luke 10:1 - 11**

7. **Read Romans 10:8-13.** According to St. Paul, what are the essential beliefs a Christian must have? Why do you think they might be important?

8. How should such beliefs effect our daily lives as Christians? What special things might we be doing to put them into practice especially during this period of Lent?

**Prayers:** pray for each other – and:

For Simon Drew, the staff team, and our PCC's as they continue planning for the APCM and the year ahead.

For the outreach of our churches.

For the many church groups that meet throughout the week.

For the sick and those who have lost loved ones.