

LENT :
A Time of
Encounter,
Testing
&
Preparation



Study Guide – Sunday 14th March 2021

Lent Week 5 – Freedom, Recovery & Favour

Please read Luke 4.13-20

1. Verse 13 speaks about the devil waiting for an opportune time when he will tempt Jesus again. What might the devil consider to be opportune times to tempt us? When are you perhaps most susceptible to devilish temptations?

Please read Isaiah 59.12-16,20; Isaiah 60.1-2 and Isaiah 61.1-3

2. Why do you think Jesus chose to read from the Isaiah 61 passage in the synagogue in Nazareth?
3. Who are the poor, bound, oppressed and blind?
4. How does Jesus go about fulfilling the promise of God's favour - good news, freedom, and recovery - in his new kingdom ministry?
5. What's your own experience of God's favour come to you and others you know, through Jesus and his Kingdom?

Matthew 4. 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Please also read Acts 2.29-39

6. Why do you think that 'repentance' is a vital part of Jesus' ministry of “freedom, renewal and favour” to individuals and society through his kingdom?
7. How might Christians share the message of repentance today in a God-honouring and respectful way?
8. How might Christians and Churches play their part in the renewal of social justice in our society?
 - Through churches and Christian Ministries?
 - Through involvement in non-church organisations or governments?