

LENT :
A Time of
Encounter,
Testing
&
Preparation



Study Guide – Sunday 21 March 2021 **Lent Week 6 – Learning from Lent & Lockdown**

Jesus describes himself as 'sent' by the Father. In the wilderness he spent significant time with the Father and the Spirit in preparation for being sent. Jesus' time of preparation in the wilderness shaped his ministry thereafter.

We've had our own kind of wilderness experience during Lent and our lockdowns this past year. Before it all ends, let's seek the Lord for our own renewal and for preparation for what lies ahead.

Please read Luke 4.40-44; Luke 5.1-11; Luke 5.30-32

1. Jesus understanding of his call starts to become clear. WHO is he primarily called to in this season, and HOW is he called to do it?
2. All Jesus' disciples share the same Matthew 28.18-20 calling on our lives. But, what's your sense of WHO God is 'sending' you to reach and bless with the Kingdom's Good News; and HOW is he calling you to serve them?

Please read Luke 9.51, which describes a point of transition in how Jesus fulfilled his calling. Lockdown has given us all the chance to stop doing many things and to reflect on what we do, why we do it.

3. What is God saying to you at this point of transition in your life? Are you able to discern yet what God might be saying about his priorities for you in the way ahead?

Please read Luke 5.12-13

4. Please spend a little time praying into this passage - As we begin to travel faster and further in our daily lives again, let's commit now to follow the example of Jesus.

Please read Luke 5.15-16

5. What spiritual disciplines are you committed to continue after lent and lockdown?

Please read Luke 5.27-32

6. How does this story inspire you to prepare for more intentional hospitality?