

LIVING VALUES

Lent 1 Living Christ (Luke 4: 1-13)

Focus of sermons and studies this Lent - the way Jesus Christ not only lives in his people but the way the life of Christ is lived out through his people, what John Cox calls the 'lived-outness' of Biblical teaching.

This lived-outness will be recognised in the values that inform our attitudes and behaviour

The **values** that are central to us living out our vision of 'Learning to live the life' are:

Prayerfulness

Openness

Graciousness

Thankfulness

They describe the 'lived-outness' of Christ living in us.

What effect do you think having a set of values as a church will have on our relationships? Are there other values that could be more important for us at this time? Why?

Luke 4: 1-13 describes Christ's battle to overcome the temptations to live by a different set of values. How did he overcome?

In the dry desert, Jesus was soaked – soaked in the Spirit, and soaked in scripture

Qn. 1 a) Jesus was 'full' of the Holy Spirit (soaked at his baptism Luke 3: 21, 22 (v1))
What did that mean for him? What are the implications for us?

How did his sense of security in his identity help him deal with temptation? What part does that play for you?

b) – If we really believe we are loved by God as children what might our response look like? What is the significance of worship and prayer in your life?

Qn. 2 a) – Jesus was 'soaked in scripture'. He was able to draw on its authority to counter temptation and remain true to his calling (vs 4,8,12). Read 2 Timothy 3: 16,17. Recall times when you have found the Bible important as you seek to follow Jesus' example and live out the values of the Kingdom.

b) – When you have been in 'a dry place' spiritually, what have you done to 'get under the shower'? What signs of transformation have you or others noticed when you have been 'soaked'?