

Week 4	Living the Way of Jesus
Luke 9. 61-62	Looking to God
Luke 10. 2	Working with God
Luke 10. 3-4	Trusting in God
Luke 10. 5-6	Bringing God's peace
Luke 10. 8-9	Pointing to God
Luke 10. 27	Loving God
Luke 10.28	Loving others

Week 5	Living Close to Jesus
Luke 10. 41-42	Taking time with Jesus
Luke 11.2	Praying with Jesus
Luke 11. 9-10	Receiving from Jesus
Luke 11. 27-28	Obeying Jesus
Luke 11. 34	Seeing true
Luke 12. 6-7	Knowing your value
Luke 12 22-23	Knowing life's value

Week 6	Living the Reality of Jesus
Luke 12. 32-34	Radical living
Luke 12.34	Living your heart
Luke 12. 35-36	Living ready
Luke 12.48	Responsible living
Luke 13. 18-19	Making a difference
Luke 13. 20-21	Changing the world
Luke 14.13-14	Living God's welcome

Week 7	Living the Cross of Jesus
Luke 19.41,42	Peace
Luke 16. 10	Faithfulness
Luke 18. 14	Humility
Luke 21.3,4	Giving
Luke 22.19-20	Life
Luke 23.34	Forgiveness
Luke 23. 46	Trust

Week 8	Living the Resurrection of Jesus
Luke 24.5	Living life
Luke 24.15	A living companion
Luke 24.36	Living witnesses
Luke 24. 49	Living power

challenge

**Daring to make a difference
by living the words of Jesus**

Week 1

17th - 20th February

Living the Good News of Jesus



Ash Wednesday, 17th February

Good News

Jesus said,
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor'
Luke 4.18

As he begins his public ministry, Jesus returns to the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth and reads from the prophet Isaiah. These words, written centuries before, are like a manifesto for Jesus. He's come to bring Good News.

Questions

- In your view, what did it mean for Jesus to bring good news to the poor?
- What might it mean for you to do the same?
- In what ways is Jesus good news for you?

Challenges

just to get you started ...

- Do something today to bring good news to someone else.
- Thank God for good news in your life.

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Thursday, 18th February

Freedom

Jesus said,
'God has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives and
recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free'.
Luke 4.18b-19

Jesus continues to read his 'manifesto' in the synagogue at Nazareth. The message that he brings is good news of freedom to all in need, not least those who are often forgotten.

Questions

- What do you think Jesus was saying about the freedom he came to bring?
- How might you bring freedom to others?
- What freedom has Jesus brought to your life?

Challenges

just to get you started ...

- Do something today that brings a bit of freedom to someone else.
- Thank God for the freedom in your life.

Saturday, 20th February

Happiness

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God'
Luke 6.20

These words of Jesus are tricky! As often, he turns things upside down and challenges the accepted wisdom about life. (Another way of saying 'blessed' is truly happy.) It might be he is saying that God comes to those who know they need him.

Questions

- Can those who are poor really be called 'truly happy'? In what sense?
- Reflect on the ways in which you are a rich person and the ways you are a poor person? How does this affect your readiness to receive from God?

Challenges

just to get you started ...

- Try to see the people you meet today as God sees them.
- Spend time on something that is truly important.

Friday, 19th February

Direction

Jesus saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and said to him, 'Follow me'. He got up, left everything, and followed him.
Luke 5.27-28

As Jesus begins his ministry he calls together a rather mixed group of followers, or disciples. None of them more surprising than Levi, also known to us as Matthew. Jesus' call is simply, "Follow me".

Questions

- What, do you imagine, so powerfully attracted Levi to Jesus?
- What, if anything, does it mean for you to 'follow' Jesus?

Challenges

just to get you started ...

- What might you 'leave' or put down today to follow Jesus better? Do it.
- Write down some of the things that make Jesus worth following. Remind yourself of these.

The rest of the verses for the Lent Challenge are available on leaflets which can be downloaded from the website www.challenge2010.org. They are as follows:

Week 2	Living the Love of Jesus	Week 3	Living the Life of Jesus
<i>Luke 6. 27-28</i>	<i>Love for enemies</i>	<i>Luke 6. 46</i>	<i>Living action</i>
<i>Luke 6. 31</i>	<i>Love and the golden rule</i>	<i>Luke 7. 47</i>	<i>Living graciously</i>
<i>Luke 6.32</i>	<i>Love of a different kind</i>	<i>Luke 8. 17</i>	<i>Living openly</i>
<i>Luke 6.37</i>	<i>Love and forgiveness</i>	<i>Luke 9. 3-5</i>	<i>Living simply</i>
<i>Luke 6.38</i>	<i>Love and generosity</i>	<i>Luke 9. 23</i>	<i>Living selflessly</i>
<i>Luke 6. 42</i>	<i>Love and integrity</i>	<i>Luke 9. 24-25</i>	<i>Open-handed living</i>
<i>Luke 6. 45</i>	<i>Love and goodness</i>	<i>Luke 9. 48</i>	<i>Big-hearted living</i>