

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

The Temptation in the Desert

When you have completed Lectio Divina, transition to group sharing by providing copies of this week's readings as found on the webpage in facilitator resources. Ask each person to read through any one of the 1st reading, psalm or second reading. Invite each person to underline or anything that they have an emotional response to when they read it. Reread it. Now circle anything that they have an intellectual response to. There is no need for concern if they have no clear response. Pray asking for the Holy Spirit to continue speaking to us throughout the week through what we have circled, underlined, or even through the silence.

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our minds with your light.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our hearts with your joy.

Come, Holy Spirit,

strengthen our wills through your Spirit.

Above all, Holy Spirit, stay with us.

May be evermore convinced of God's love for us, in us and through us.

We pray this in the Name of God who is Love...Amen.

Watch this week's video.

Group Sharing Questions:

1. This passage presents Jesus in the desert for forty days. Take time to describe various physical deserts. What does it mean to be in a spiritual desert?
2. What do you observe about the techniques the devil uses in the three temptations he proposes to Jesus?
3. Each one of Jesus' responses is scriptural. Why do you think this is so? How does this suggest we should respond to temptations?