

Life & Death
Crucified with Christ

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LifeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- Our key text for this Lenten season series is the passage of Scripture from the Letter to the Galatians 2:20; *"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* How do you think this passage guides and pertains to you personally and specifically? Can you describe what it looks like in practical terms to your everyday life?
- This first Sunday (week) of Lent focuses on the Temptation of Jesus found in Matthew's Gospel (Matt. 4:1-11). What does the Temptation of Jesus in the desert signify to you?
- Consider verse one of Matthew chapter four; "The Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil..." (NLT). How does this make you feel? What do you think the purpose is for the Spirit to lead Jesus into the wilderness? How does this relate to our personal spiritual journey? Do you think this is a necessary experience for each and every follower of Jesus? (Why or why not)
- It is said that the desert temptation of Jesus is a parallel to the Exodus journey of the people of Israel. What parallels can you see? What tests and temptations did Israel face in their wilderness experience that were similar to the testing Jesus encountered? What relevance might those experiences have with your Christian journey?
- What are your greatest temptations? How do you face them? How might you overcome and master them in a way that is similar to Jesus?
- We have a number of opportunities to engage in this sacred season of the Church for the next six weeks. Information is available for your devotional readings (bookmarks with Scripture recommendations), this weekly sermon guide, and a weekly devotional guide that mirrors the Scripture readings. We have also provided a guide to the Lenten-Easter Season that can provide you with background and other suggestions to engage in this rich tradition. God Bless your journey in whatever way you decide to join.