



The Kingdom of God.

Kingdom Among.

We continue to develop the theme of the Kingdom of God, in the Kingdom Among us. Isaiah 61 gave us the reversal of the fall, and the promise of hope, in last weeks' study.

- 1) What does the Kingdom among us mean? Is this the same as 'heaven on earth'?
If you feel able, share how this has affected your life.

Read Mark 1:9-34.

- 2) God's Servant is here, witnessed by the Father and the Holy Spirit. How is this recorded (see also John 1:9-11)?

John the Baptist bears news of the mighty one (v4-8). His own baptism was one of repentance.

- 3) What does baptism mean to you? Discuss the merits of infant or adult baptism?
Where does repentance sit within your answers, why is repentance important?
- 4) What is the significance of Jesus' baptism?

As soon as the glory of the baptism was over, there came the battle of the temptations. Yet it was the Holy Spirit who thrust Jesus into the wilderness.

- 5) How can temptations build us up?

- 6) Why is Jesus' testing described as the "last Adam" (see 1 Cor. 15:45)? What are the implications?
- 7) We might usually expect a servant to be under authority. What and how are the characteristics of this servant demonstrated in verses 12-28?

Jesus brings us the message of Good News. This message can be found elsewhere in the Bible, such as;

Truth;	Gal. 2:5, Col. 1:5
Hope;	Col.1:23
Peace;	Eph. 6:15
Promise;	Eph. 3:6
Immortality;	2 Tim. 1:10
Salvation;	Eph. 1:13

Jesus asks two things from us; repentance & belief in the Good News. He began his ministry by call the disciples to 'Follow me!' He gave them a task, a call to service. They followed Him not because of what he said, but because of who He is (Mark. 1:32-34).

- 8) How is this Kingdom Among us seen by the world today?

God is not someone to be used in the day of misfortune, but someone to be loved and remembered every day of our lives.

- 9) How can you ensure the call to 'follow me' is continued?