

NOTES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION
STUDY 3

The passage we have for STUDY 3 is from Matthew 4v1-11 'Jesus is tested in the wilderness'.

Our focus this month is on the power of the Scripture in our daily lives. It is obvious that Jesus didn't just read the Scripture but He used them in His ministry as He does in this event at the beginning of His ministry – see Psalm 119v11. See Eph 5v10-17 note v17.

- Can you think of any other times that Jesus used His knowledge of the Scriptures in His ministry?
- Read the passage in other Bible translations or paraphrases. Verse 1- tempted could also be translated as tested/proved.
- Look up the verses that Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy. Use a cross reference Bible or a commentary to find them. How did Jesus use these scriptures in His battle?
- What do you think is meant by "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"? Try to put this into modern idiom.
- Even Satan quotes from the Bible (Psalm 91); note the words that Satan leaves out. What can this teach us about how we use the Bible?
- Here are some scriptures you might use to help overcome your 'works of the flesh' you identified in STUDY 1. (Col 3:2) (Ps 141:4) (Prov 5,6,7) (1Sam 15:22-23)
- Now find some scriptures for yourself you can use to help overflow more in the fruit of the Spirit you identified in STUDY 1.

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