



Stepping into the wilderness

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Plan for the session

- Jesus and the wilderness
- Elijah
- Break for prayer
- Creation
- David
- Questions

Question

- Can you think of examples from the Bible of characters who have spent time in the wilderness/desert? Name them in the chat

Jesus in the wilderness

- Luke 3:21–22, 4:1–14
- What stands out to you as we read? Type your comments into the chat.

Elijah and the wilderness

- Where do you see similarities with Jesus here?
- 2 Kings 19
- Elijah is returning from his greatest triumph
- In the wilderness there is a battle with the enemy
- In the wilderness, God is with you
- 40 – a time of testing, learning and preparation
- We are not alone

Creation in the wilderness

- Genesis 1
- Formless and void: tohu and bohu
- The deep: t'hom. 'Nothing good can come from t'hom'
- The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

King David and the wilderness

- 1 Samuel 22:1–2
- ‘All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander.’
- 1 Samuel 30:6 ‘but David found strength in the Lord his God’.