

## Questions for Midweek Groups – Lent 2010

### Week 4 - Gravitational pull

Bible reading: Matthew 4:1 – 11 cf Genesis 3:1-7; Mark 1:35-39; Matthew 12:46-50;  
1 Thessalonians 3:5;

*Jesus was tempted to make things gravitate around him.  
The Church also is tempted to form itself in its own image.*

Questions to answer....

- 1 In what ways is our church tempted to make itself a comfortable place for the Christians who go on Sundays?
- 2 What temptations are there for our churches to look inward and how can we resist?
- 3 How do we form 'church' that is focussed on God but is accessible to those who live in the vicinity?
- 4 Where do we put most of our resources as a church and what might that say about our priorities?

*Action point: This week reflect upon the church activities you are involved with and decide how accessible they are by those who do not belong to church. What changes could be made to make it easier for them – if any?*

Share your experiences of the action point from last week.

What have you learnt from those experiences?

What will you each do differently in the future because of those experiences?

**NOTE:** At the end of this session everyone should take away a copy of the sheet "Church in Mission vs Missional Church" (see below) to read through and reflect upon for next time