

# STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

## LCEF MINISTRY MOMENTS VIDEO SERIES

## Preparing for Lent #1 – Fasting

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Lent is a special season of the church year for Christians to renew their devotion to Jesus and reflect on His life, death, and resurrection.

### How to use fasting to focus on the meaning of the Lenten season?

#### 1. Teach

• Explain how fasting can be a tool to push people to focus on Jesus.

#### 2. Suggest

- Propose practical things for people to give up.
- Ask members to contribute ideas prior to Lent.
- Publish ideas in a communication piece or display.
- Suggestions: giving up certain foods or eating at certain times, refraining from social media use, restricting use of a specific toy, denying certain leisure activities, etc.

#### 3. Point

- Point people to Jesus.
- Prompt people to refocus and spend time with Jesus when they engage in fasting and resist the pleasures that they are giving up.
- Give out devotionals or daily reflection tools for people to use in those moments.

#### 4. Share

- Gather stories of Jesus-focused moments from members.
- Share how the struggle of fasting pointed people to Christ.

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