

Christ Church sermon questions 31 March 2019

That your faith may not fail - Luke 22:24-34

Read the passage together.

1 John started by telling us about his friend who returned to another country to set up a school. The friend knew that there were risks. In your opinion:

- a) Was he right to go back?
- b) Is it right for Christians to put themselves in danger when they could avoid it?
- c) Can you think of any stories from the Bible which would support either a 'yes' or 'no' response?

2. Can you remember any accounts of people whom you admire who have been through similar situations – possibly from biographies you have read, newspaper/magazine articles (whether or not they decided to stay in the situation).

3. Jesus said to Peter that, 'Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.' Why does God allow his children to go through times of testing?
You might find these helpful: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7

4. In this passage Jesus said that he has prayed for Peter. Why should we make a point of praying for our church leaders?

5. John quoted St. Teresa of Avila who is reported to have said to God after a particularly trying incident, 'If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!' Is it right to talk to God in this way? Isn't it irreverent?
You might find these helpful: Psalm 44:23-24; Job 30:18-22

6. Read Isaiah 43:2. In what ways do you find this helpful?

7. Read Acts 2:42-47. What things do we see in this passage that God has provided so 'that your faith may not fail'?

8. How else has God provided 'that your faith may not fail'? And are there other things that we should be doing?

9. Share ways in which God has kept you so 'that your faith may not fail.'

To think about quietly:

How seriously am I taking the call of God on my life? Am I listening? Am I being obedient?

To realise that if I have entrusted my life to God, he will keep me.

To pray:

For our church leaders

That our church would grow – in all the ways it needs to

For those who are going through hard times right now

For one another in your group who have particular difficulties right now