

Christ Church sermon questions 10 February 2019

Faith that pleases God - Matthew 17:14-20

Read Matthew 17:14-20.

1. What emotions do you think the disciples experienced when they were unable to heal the boy? What might the father have felt?
2. Discuss situations where God has not answered your prayers the way you would have liked. What did you feel and how did you respond?
3. What can we learn from the father in this story?
4. What is your reaction to what Jesus says in verse 17? Why do you think Jesus says such harsh words?
5. What does the healing of the boy tell us about Jesus and what he can do for us?
6. The disciples come to Jesus and ask him why they could not heal the boy. What do you think Jesus is teaching the disciples in his response in verse 20?
7. Are there specific areas where you would like to grow more in faith? In what ways do you think you can grow in your own faith?
8. Are there areas of your life where you are tempted not to fully trust in God? In what ways are you sometimes tempted not to fully trust Jesus?
10. In the sermon it was suggested that 8 of the remaining disciples learnt the lessons from this incident but Judas did not. From what you know about Judas, in what ways do you think he failed to learn these lessons?
11. In what ways do you think the lessons learned here helped the other disciples in later life?
12. Jesus promises that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. What impact do you think this should have on how we live?

Spend some time thanking God for who he is and what he has done for us.

Pray over issues raised in your discussion and spend some time asking God to help each one in the group grow in faith and rely on God's goodness.