



When the Church Disappoints Exchange 28 March 2015

Disappointments

1. How do you cope with disappointments?
2. When was a time when you were really disappointed?
3. What is harder: When people disappoint you, when God disappoints you, or when you disappoint yourself?
4. What inspires you to hope in your disappointment?
5. How do these verses offer insight when we face disappointments? Hebrews 11:14; 1 Peter 1:6-9

Faith:

1. Have you ever known something to be true but not acted on it? What makes you act on it?
2. What is faith and is it different to belief?
3. It seems that faith is more than just knowing about something. What contributes to faith in something?

Church:

1. Was Jesus disappointed by the official church of his day? How did he deal with it?
2. Was Jesus disappointed by his community? How did he deal with it?
3. What has disappointed you about church? How did you deal with it?
4. When you are feeling unhappy about church how do you know whether the problem is the church or the problem is you?
5. People often say they believe in God but don't like the church. Why do you think this is so?
6. Do you think church is *necessary* for those who are wanting a relationship with God or just another option amongst many? What does the church add to a person's relationship?
7. How important is it for people to agree within a church? What things matter more?