

Christ Church sermon questions 16 June 2019

Agent of blessing - 1 Peter 3:8-12, Romans 12:14-21

1. Why is it that the world often fails to understand or rejects our faith?
2. What do you think it means to bless another person?
3. How would you characterise the way we normally love and treat other people? In Luke 6: 32-36, what strikes you about Jesus' model for treating others?
4. Why do you think we are tempted to trade blows and insult for insult? What's going on inside us?
5. Describe a time or incident in your life when it was very difficult to put into practice Romans 12:17-18.
"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."
6. In what ways might it be true that "Vengefulness only keeps evil in circulation?"
7. What does it mean, do you think, to leave room for the wrath of God?
8. How might we apply Paul's teaching to those who have suffered abuse of various kinds?
9. Think about someone who is an enemy type figure in your life. In quiet spend some time deliberately praying God's blessing upon them.
10. Reflect on what you've just done. How did it feel? What made it hard? Did you sense God saying anything?