



Welcome & Prayer

Song: "O Lord the Clouds are Gathering"

Confession:

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:
We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins,
that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time Of Silent Prayer

1. The pressure to succeed

2. The word "failure"

3. Negligence, weakness and our own deliberate fault

4. The Fear Factor

5. Christians and Failure

6. Imperfect Saints

7. Simply Unfinished

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

Spend 5 minutes on your own thinking about these questions, and write down your thoughts if it helps. You don't have to share what you've written.

Discuss in a small group or with a person near you what you feel happy to share about these questions (another 10 mins).

- 1. Think of an example of failure that you love and another that you hate (it doesn't have to be your own failures). What is the difference between them?*
- 2. How does fear of failure affect your ability to learn from your mistakes?*
- 3. How do you deal with the anxiety and uncertainty that contemporary culture causes?*

Pray for one another.

Song: "You Alone Can Rescue"

The Grace