

- What comes to mind when you hear the word 'disciple'?
- Read **Mark 14:32-52**.
- Why do you think Jesus was deeply distressed and troubled and why do you think he wanted only Peter James and John close to him in the garden?
- What did he ask them to do? Why do you think he asked them to do this? What actually happened?
- What was Jesus's response to this? What does this tell us about Jesus's attitude towards his disciples?
- The disciples failed Jesus in Gethsemane and, looking ahead to **Mark 14:56ff**, Peter failed him even more markedly. Glance now at **Acts 2:14ff**. Did they manage to move on from their failure? What made the difference?
- Being a disciple involves living by faith. What do you think this means for everyday life? We can't live by faith in our own strength. Look at **Galatians 2:20** and identify what it is that empowers us to live by faith.
- Read **Galatians 5:18, 22-26**. What can we learn from this passage about growing in our discipleship? [Note especially v.25]
- Another aspect of discipleship is learning to rest in God's grace. What do you understand by 'grace'? Read **Romans 5:1-8**, noting especially v8. What do you learn from this passage about grace?
- What else can you learn about the life, the benefits and the challenges of being a disciple from this passage?