

"Faith Is Exposed by the Cross"

This set of questions is based on Dave's sermon preached May 3.

1. It is not uncommon for believers to experience a crisis of faith, a period of doubt or desolation (called the "dark night of the soul" by Saint John of the Cross). Often this is a necessary stage in healthy spiritual development. If you have gone through a "dark night of the soul," tell of your experience and what brought you through.
2. The arrest of Jesus and his subsequent death shattered the hopes and dreams of the disciples. Try to imagine how it would be if you lost all faith in Christ. What would change in your life? What would you do differently than now?
3. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation" (Mark 14:38). If the disciples had followed Jesus' instructions, do you think prayer would have changed their responses to the coming crisis? If so, how? In what ways can prayer save *you* from falling into temptation?