ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 29/03/09

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

1. What do verses 17 and 18 teach us about pastoral care and follow-up of new Christians? Can you relate to Paul's extremely emotional language when talking about his longing to see the Thessalonians? Has anyone in the group ever felt like this about another Christian?

2. In thinking about verse 18 where Paul says "Satan stopped us," what do you think of the idea of each member of the life group trying to imagine that they are the devil, and then trying to second-guess what Satan's strategy might be to chip away at your Christian life and progress? Has anyone in the group 'written down Satan's strategy' for them?

3. How do you feel about the doctrine of rewards? Do you feel motivated by the prospect of an eternal reward? On the basis of verse 20, what rewards are you expecting?

Extra bonus optional question: in the talk, Adrian referred to Luke 16:9. What does Jesus mean here? What is the application of this verse to us today?