

## Christian Moral Action home learning project

### **Due: First lesson in September**

- Summarise who Bonhoeffer was, the challenges he faced and what he did in response to these challenges (use the whole chapter to research and compile a list of his actions and the reasons for them).
- How did the State affect the Church during the reign of the Nazi party in Germany?
- What is meant by 'a call to discipleship'?
- How and why might discipleship conflict with the law?
- Select a relevant, memorable quote to support Bonhoeffer's belief in 'single-minded obedience'. Remember to analyse the quote.
- What challenges are there to 'single-minded obedience'? Why are they challenging?
- Explain, with examples, Bonhoeffer's attitude towards civil disobedience.
- How does the Church community practise discipleship?
- Describe the beliefs, practices and impact of Bonhoeffer's work in the Confessing Church and at Finkenwalde.
- Create a table with two columns. In one column, note the definition and key features of 'cheap grace' and in the other column, the definition and key features of 'costly grace'.
- Do you agree with the claim that 'costly grace... requires people to acknowledge who Christ is'? Give justification and reference to Bonhoeffer in your answer.
- How and why does Bonhoeffer consider sacrifice, suffering and the Crucifixion to be significant for disciples?
- Should sacrifice, suffering and the Cross be considered a more fitting focus than the more joyful elements of the Gospels? Why/why not?
- How does Bonhoeffer approach the concept of solidarity in terms of our relationship with Christ and our relationship with each other?
- How does Bonhoeffer's work reflect Psalm 31:8 'Who will speak up for those who are voiceless?'

#### Extension:

1. Complete Question 1 on p417, analysing and assessing the two interpretations of Bonhoeffer's work.
2. Was Bonhoeffer's response to injustice coherent with Christian beliefs? Explain your answer with reasoning and examples.