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The Disciples Luke 17:1-10 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start chapter 17 of the gospel of Luke. In the first 10 verses of this chapter we see 4 instructions given to the disciples. It talks about causing another to sin, forgiveness, faith, and being a servant. While some theologians take these as 4 separate teachings that Luke has brought together, there is some indication that there is a progression that ties the 4 together. Either way, we must consider the four teachings and how we can apply them to our lives so that we can best reflect Christ and serve Him well in this life. Join us this week as we talk about some of the markers of a faithful disciple.



Sin, Forgiveness, Faith, and Service

1 Jesus said to his disciples, “Stumbling blocks are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him to have a millstone tied around his neck and be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 Watch yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. 4 Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 So the Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this black mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled out by the roots and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Would any one of you say to your slave who comes in from the field after plowing or shepherding sheep, ‘Come at once and sit down for a meal’? 8 Won’t the master instead say to him, ‘Get my dinner ready, and make yourself ready to serve me while I eat and drink. Then you may eat and drink’? 9 He won’t thank the slave because he did what he was told, will he? 10 So you too, when you have done everything you were commanded to do, should say, ‘We are slaves undeserving of special praise; we have only done what was our duty.’”

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. In verse 1 what are the stumbling blocks?

9. How many times must we forgive our brother?

10. Why do you think the apostles asked for an increase in faith?

11. What does it mean to have faith that can move a tree?

12. How are the disciples slaves?

13. How can we compare how slaves are normally treated and how God treats His disciples?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How do you think you would live differently if you had more faith?

15. What makes it hard to forgive someone over and over? What can help us?

16. Do you ever expect something for the service you have done for God? Should we expect anything?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes