

Sermon Title:

Sermon Text: Luke 17:1-10

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Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the
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Community Groups are dismissed this week for Vacation Bible School.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Read Luke 17:1-4. The word “temptations” can be understood as words or deeds which entice people to sin or cause people to stumble or falter in their faith. What did Jesus say about these temptations or stumbling blocks?

Why do you think He says this with such certainty?

What are some examples of stumbling blocks—things that people do or say to cause someone to falter in their faith?

According to verses 3 and 4, what are the two responsibilities that a believer has toward another believer? In your opinion, which of these two is more difficult and why?

Why does Jesus caution them “to pay attention to yourselves” when doing this? What are some inherent dangers of helping a fellow believer overcome temptations and/or sin in their life? (cf. Galatians 6:1-2)

What is the implied meaning in verse 4 about the number of times a person must forgive?

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Read Luke 17:1-10. In verse 5, the apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith!” What might have prompted this request from His disciples?

Jesus responded in verse six by referring to having faith “like a grain of a mustard seed.” What is notable about a mustard seed? Why would Jesus use it as His example?

If the size of one’s faith does not matter, what is important when it come to faith? In whom are we to place our faith? Why is this the big issue when it comes to faith?

Read Luke 17:7-10 again. According to verse 10, who is represented in this parable by the servant and by the shepherd? Who does the master of the house represent?

What was the attitude of the master’s servants? What example does this give us as servants of God?

Should followers of Christ expect special treatment or special recognition for obeying Christ’s commands? Why or why not?

Instructions for **SOAP Journaling**

As we read God's Word, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing **daily devotions** re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then, when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time to reflect on and review some of the "gems" that you have received. Without writing these down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons!

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to today's reading on your Bible Reading Plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation

What is God saying in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth of this verse to you. Now write a one or two sentence observation about that verse. What does the verse say? What does it mean?

A for Application

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or correction for a particular area of your life. Now write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

Don't forget to give your journal entry a title and put it in the Table of Contents. This will help you find it when you want to read it again.