FBMC Bible Study

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“***Walking in the Grace of God”***

The Gospel of Luke

Lesson 11: Luke 17

Luke 17 is a compelling call to Christian duties - forgiving, believing, serving, and living in readiness for God's Kingdom. These teachings inspire us to live by faith, offer forgiveness generously, carry out our Christian duties with humility, cultivate gratitude, and maintain a keen awareness of the Kingdom's presence and coming. This chapter calls us to a faith that impacts every aspect of our lives and informs us about our interaction with others.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Bible Lesson:**

**Luke 17: 1-4 (NLT)** *One day Jesus said to his disciples, “There will always be temptations to sin, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting!****2****It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin.****3****So watch yourselves! “If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive.****4****Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.”*

* What is the message Jesus gives to those who lead others to sin?

* What insights does Jesus' teaching on leading others to sin provide on our responsibilities towards others?
* **As followers of Jesus, we must love others enough to examine our lives, our lifestyle, our words, our attitudes and our behaviors to make sure that we do not become a stumbling block that could cause others to sin.**
* What does it mean to rebuke a person?
* **Galatians 6:1 “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”**
* What message is teaching on forgiveness?
* If we say we forgive someone, but remain bitter and angry, what would those emotions be revealing to us?

**Luke 17: 5-6 (NLT)** *The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.”*

***6****The Lord answered, “If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you!*

* What is the message Jesus is teaching about the magnitude of faith?

**Luke 17: 7-10 (NLT)** *“When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, ‘Come in and eat with me’?****8****No, he says, prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.’****9****And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not.****10****In the same way, when you obey me, you should say, ‘We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.”*

* What message was Jesus saying about our attitude in our service to God?
* How do the following verses shape your attitude about your obedience and service to God?
  + 2 Corinthians 12:9 “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
  + Ephesians 3:20 “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,”

**Luke 17: 11-19 (NLT)** *As Jesus continued toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria.****12****As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance,*

***13****crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”* ***14****He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy.* ***15****One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!”****16****He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.*

***17****Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine?****18****Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”****19****And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”*

* What did Jesus command the lepers to do in verse 14 and what did the men demonstrate by obeying the command?
* What did the Samaritan do to show his gratitude to Jesus for his healing?
* In what ways do you show your gratitude towards Jesus for the things He has done to you?

**Luke 17: 20-37 (NLT)** *One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?” Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs.****21****You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.”*

***22****Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see the day when the Son of Man returns, but you won’t see it.****23****People will tell you, ‘Look, there is the Son of Man,’ or ‘Here he is,’ but don’t go out and follow them.****24****For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes.****25****But first the Son of Man must suffer terribly and be rejected by this generation.* ***26****“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day.****27****In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all.* ***28****“And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building—****29****until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.****30****Yes, it will be ‘business as usual’ right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed.****31****On that day a person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack. A person out in the field must not return home.****32****Remember what happened to Lot’s wife!****33****If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.****34****That night two people will be asleep in one bed; one will be taken, the other left.****35****Two women will be grinding flour together at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.”* ***37****“Where will this happen, Lord?” the disciples asked. Jesus replied, “Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near.”*

* What was the Pharisees asking for, looking for in verse 20 and how did Jesus respond to their question?
* How does Jesus’ return compare to the days of Noah and the days of Lot?
* How does Jesus' warning about the suddenness of His coming influence your spiritual preparation and the urgency of sharing the Gospel message?

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* As believers, we are to make a conscious effort to live out the principles of Jesus. We are to forgive those who wronged us, reflecting on the love and forgiveness we received for the Lord. We are to nurture our faith through prayer, meditation, reading our Bibles and having faith in God in all circumstances. We are to approach our service and obedience to God, and others, with a humble heart, recognizing that it is a privilege to serve. And we are to be mindful of the suddenness of Jesus’ arrival.

**Next week’s lesson: Luke 18:**

1. https://biblehub.com/study/chapters/luke/17.htm [↑](#footnote-ref-1)