

Luke 17: 1-10

Sin and Servanthood



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 17:1-10

1. Read Luke 17:1-10. Jesus teaches and challenges the disciples – and particularly the apostles – about attitudes and actions with regard to sin (17:1-4) and servanthood (17:5-10). What kinds of stumbling blocks cause others to stumble and fall?
2. How should disciples of Jesus treat other people who sin against them? How should they treat other people who then repent of their sin?
3. According to 17:5-6, what is faith like? Why is the question asked in 17:5 by the disciples somewhat misguided?
4. What is the main point Jesus makes about discipleship in 17:7-10?

The Scriptures – Luke 17:1-10 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Jesus speaks sternly in other portions of Scripture about things that cause us to stumble. Read and discuss Matthew 5:29-30.
6. Read and discuss Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:21-35 in which he tells a parable about forgiveness. What do you learn about forgiveness from this passage of Scripture?
7. Paul understand his life as that of a servant dutifully doing what he has been called to do. Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 9:16-18.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 17:1-10 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. Do you find it hard to rebuke others who sin against you? Do you find it hard to forgive others who repent of the wrong they have done you? How can we help? How can we pray?
9. What has been the most helpful thing you have learned about discipleship from this passage of Scripture?