



Good News **for all people.**

The Gospel of Luke

Week 17 Discussion Questions

Week of 1/29/23

Text: Luke 17:1-19

Icebreaker: Fill in the blanks: “I find it *easiest* to forgive someone who is _____.”
“I find it *difficult* to forgive someone who is _____.”

1. Verses 1-2 express a harsh warning from Jesus to his disciples about doing anything that might cause others to sin. What does this suggest about the influence one person’s life can have over others in a Christian community?

Application: Think about your own relationships. What people around you do you think your life influences most? Have you thought about how something you do might have a negative influence on them?

2. There are three main actions listed in verses 3-4 that are to be common practices for Christians living in community with each other: *rebuke*, *repent*, and *forgive*. What do you know about what these words mean?

Application: What do you find challenging about each of these? What benefits do you think a community of people would experience where these are done well?

3. Forgiveness can be held back or hindered for different reasons. Why do people sometimes stop short of forgiving others?

Application: What impact has unforgiveness had on relationships you’ve experienced?

4. Given what Jesus has just instructed his disciples to do, why do you think they respond with “Increase our faith!” in verse 5? How would you summarize Jesus’s response in verse 6?

Application: Based on your own experiences, what do you think faith has to do with our ability to forgive others?

5. What kind of attitude or perspective is Jesus prescribing for his disciples in verses 7-10?

Application: What’s the danger if we take the opposite attitude, something like, “*We are deserving (of reward, accolades, etc.) since we went above and beyond what was our duty!*”?

Building Christ-centered communities of people fully devoted to loving God and loving others.

6. In verses 11-19, why is the Samaritan leper commended above the others?

Application: What relationship, if any, do you think there is between gratitude and faith? Have you ever known someone who was generally ungrateful, yet had great faith?