Lesson 17 Luke 17

1Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sistersins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. 4Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

5The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

6He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

7“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? 8Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? 9Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?10So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

11Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25664b)] met him. They stood at a distance 13and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

14When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

15One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

17Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

20Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come,Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, 21nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25673c)]

22Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. 23People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. 24For the Son of Man in his day[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25676d)] will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.25But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.27People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

28“It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

30“It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. 31On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32Remember Lot’s wife!33Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.34I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.” [36] [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+17&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25688e)]

37“Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

Romans 12:9-21: **9**Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.**12**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13**Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

**14**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15**Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.**16**Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

**17**Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19**Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. **20**On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
    if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

**21**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1. Jesus issues a very strong warning in verse 1. Jot down in your own words what He said and give an example of how this happens. (If you are giving an example from real life, please don’t use any names, and remember to protect the privacy of others. Mahalo.)

2. Prayerfully think back upon your own life. Have you said or done anything, since becoming a Christian, that has caused others to sin or fall away from Christ? If so, what can you do to repair that damage? Will you do this? (You do not need to share this answer with your group, unless you feel led to do so, for their benefit. Please remember that anything of a personal nature that is shared in our groups is to remain strictly confidential.)

3. Read verses 3-4 and Romans 12:9-21. Jesus said we should rebuke those who’ve sinned against us, and if they repent, forgive them, even if they sin against us numerous times. Do you think this means that if they do not repent, there’s no need to forgive them? Explain.

4. Jesus and the apostles were talking about forgiveness. How does the apostles’ statement in verse 5 tie in with what they’d been discussing?

5. Jesus didn’t say He’d increase their faith. Instead, what did He say, and what did He mean?

6. Read verses 7-10 where Jesus is talking about a servant’s duty. How do these verses speak to you?

7. Read about Jesus healing the 10 people with leprosy. What amazed Jesus? What do you learn from this?

8. When/how were the lepers healed? Explain. How does this apply to you?

9. Write in your own words what Jesus meant in verses 20-21, regarding the Kingdom of God.

10. What does verse 24 tell you about the Lord’s coming? What does this say to you about your life?

11. Jesus mentions Lot’s wife, in conjunction with His return. What was she doing/not doing that led to her tragic demise, and how does this instruct you?

12. Journal one of these passages SOAP style.