

It Started with Twelve #12

The Responsibility of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 17:1-10

Sermon Outline

1. Responsibility Towards Others
 - a. Don't Cause Others to Sin (v. 1-2)
 - b. Forgive One Another (v. 3-4)
2. Responsibility Towards God
 - a. Cultivate The Right Kind of Faith (v. 5-6)
 - b. Humble Service to the Mighty King (v. 7-10)

Discussion Questions

1. Everyone seems so busy nowadays. In your busyness, what responsibility do you tend to take for granted?
2. Luke 17: 1-10 enumerates our responsibilities as disciples. The Lord Jesus said in verse 1 that we should not cause others to sin. As Christians, how do our actions affect other people? Give examples of how you can cause another person to stumble. In God's eyes, how serious is it to cause others to sin?
3. The followers of Jesus Christ have a responsibility to forgive one another. Jesus gives a very clear instruction in verses 3-4 on how His disciples should react when others sin against them. In our culture where we find it difficult to rebuke those who sin, how can you admonish with love and grace?
4. What attitude of forgiveness was Jesus encouraging us to live out in verse 4? Is it possible to forgive but not forget? What does to forgive mean? How can we forgive but not allow others to take advantage of us?
5. It is every Christian's responsibility to cultivate the right kind of faith. In verse 5, the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith. Why was

Jesus' illustration of the mustard seed so surprising? How much faith is required to do great things? Do you believe that God can change the hardest of hearts or lives that are stubborn? Do you believe that God can help you out of impossible situations or help you in the most difficult condition? Share with the group an instance when you felt God's presence while going through a difficult situation.

6. It is also every Christian's responsibility to humbly serve the Mighty King. Who are the Master and the servant in this parable (verses 7-10)? Why do you think Jesus tells this story?
7. Do you sometimes feel that you deserve extra blessings for serving God? Is God obligated to reward us for everything we do for Him? What should be our attitude when we serve the Mighty King?

Walk

As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are responsible to not cause others to sin, to forgive others, to cultivate the right kind of faith, and to humbly serve our Mighty King. In your everyday life, do you encourage others to draw closer or away from God? Do you show others that God is gracious and merciful by being forgiving? Do you live every day trusting God and in His ability to change lives and do the impossible? Do you serve God humbly and faithfully, without expecting to be praised for doing what you are required to do? If Jesus were to ask you this very moment how you have been performing these duties, what would you tell Him?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- Safe and fruitful Kairos outing.
- Smooth preparations of short-term mission trip to Taiwan.
- Willing intercessors for corporate prayer.
- Active church (people of God) willing and available to do God's Kingdom work.
- Comfort and peace for Georgina and Brian Gabrillo.
- Healing and grace for Mr. Ong (critical; salvation), SL, Tan Teng Yong, Nestor, Nerissa Daen, Katrina Vargas.