

## **Group Questions: Luke 17:1-10**

### **FOLLOW UP FROM LAST WEEK**

- We ended last week's discussion on hell by making a commitment to share the gospel with at least one unbeliever. How did everyone do? Were any of you able to have a spiritual conversation with an unbeliever?

### **UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSITIONS**

- Take a quick look at Luke 14:25; 15:2-3; 16:1; 16:14-15a; 17:1. Even though crowds were gathered to hear the teachings of Jesus, He only addresses the pharisees and His disciples. Why does Jesus mainly focus on these 2 groups, and why does He keep going back and forth between them?

### **LIVING FAITH IS EXPRESSED IN COMMUNITY (17:1-4)**

- (V1) Temptation to sin is inevitable (just consider your phone, your computer, your TV, walking through the mall, etc.). What specific guardrails have you set up in your life to help you avoid/resist/overcome temptation to sin?
- (V2) Why is it better to die an instantaneous, horrific death than to go on causing others to sin?
- (V3-4) Since temptation to sin is inevitable, every community of Christ's disciples should be marked by a rhythm of "rebuking" and "forgiving." Most people are naturally better at one than the other. Does rebuking or forgiving come more naturally to you? And how do you think you might grow a more Christ-like balance of the two?

### **LIVING FAITH IS ROOTED IN CHRIST (17:5-6)**

- (V5) Jesus taught His disciples some really challenging things throughout His ministry on earth. Of all the times the disciples could have made this request, why do you think they chose this time to cry out in unison asking Him to increase their faith?
- (V6) How does Jesus respond to the disciples' request? And what does this imply regarding how disciples should try to increase their faith today?

### **LIVING FAITH IS CHARACTERIZED BY HUMILITY (V7-10)**

- The pharisees loved honor. They loved to be thought much of because of their religion. They were convinced that they were earning God's favor through their good works. In what ways are you tempted to think that you deserve honor or praise?