

## **LIVING FAITH | THE KINGDOM**

**Luke 17:20-37**

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### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Describe a time in your life when you were expecting God to act a certain way, and then he proceeded to act a different way. How did you respond when you realized that he was not doing what you expected? The example can be positive or negative.
2. What does your response reveal about what you were believing about God in the moment?
3. What are some common characteristics/behaviors that the world expects from God? How do these line up with the God Scripture reveals?

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#### **THE WHO OF THE KINGDOM GIVES US ACCESS: JESUS CHRIST (17:20-21)**

1. The King of the Universe has come to dwell among us. What are some reasons so many people fail to recognize/acknowledge this reality?
2. What are some things that keep you from seeing Jesus for who He truly is?

#### **THE WHEN OF THE KINGDOM GIVES US HOPE: ALREADY BUT NOT YET (17:22-24)**

1. What are some things in your life that make you long for the King to come back and establish justice?
2. What are some things that distract or discourage you from living with the hope of the second coming?

#### **THE WHAT OF THE KINGDOM GIVES US ENDURANCE: SUFFERING (17:25)**

1. The fact that the King came to suffer before he came in glory was a major stumbling block for the Jews. Does your suffering (or the suffering in this world) make you doubt that Jesus is who he says he is? Why or why not?
2. How does Jesus' suffering in his first coming and the glory and justice that will be established in the second coming influence the way you process your current suffering?

#### **THE WHERE OF THE KINGDOM GIVES US RELEVANCE: HERE ON EARTH (17:26-32)**

1. God is Love. And there will be world-wide judgement. How do these realities co-exist?
2. Lot's wife loved her world more than she loved salvation. What are some ways we can heed Jesus' gracious warning to make sure that we do not end up like her?

#### **THE WHY OF THE KINGDOM GIVES US VICTORY: SALVATION AND GLORY (17:33-37)**

1. The second coming will mean glory for some, and judgement for the rest. How do we make sure we are ready?

#### **Take A Step:**

Read Isaiah 53:3-5 and Daniel 7:13-14. Meditate on these passages in order to cultivate a heart that is ready for King Jesus to return. For the only ones who will be ready for the coming Son of Man are the ones who believe that He has already come as a Suffering Servant. Behold your God: the Lion and the Lamb.