

**The Kingdom of God**  
**Lesson 14: Kingdom Faith- Living Like Jesus**  
**LifeWalk Leader Guide**

**Open/Icebreakers:** Define Biblical faith. What does it entail? Is there a difference between offending someone and sinning against them? Why is it so hard to “forgive and forget?”

**Digging In:** Luke 17:1-10

1. Jesus shares some strong words with his disciples in vs. 1 and 2. Who(m) are the “little ones?” Some have speculated that Jesus is referring to little children. Others have applied this to one who might be new or even weak in the faith. They could also be understood as the “little ones” of the world like Lazarus (from the previous parable) that are often looked over. What do you think? Does the context provide anything to support your view?
2. What would cause the “little ones” to stumble? Does Jesus mean “sin” when he pronounces the woe about offenses? The word for stumble is “*scandalon*” also used in the context of 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 specifically vs. 23. Does this passage provide insight into the truth Jesus is seeking to share with his disciples? Could He be referring to things that make it more difficult to enter (and be a part of) the kingdom?
3. Why would this be such a severe offense? How could the disciples cause little ones to stumble? How do kingdom people today cause little ones to stumble?
4. Is there a difference in how we should view people outside of the kingdom vs. the “brother (or sister) referred to in vs. 3 and 4? What attitude should we hold about people outside of the kingdom? (See Matthew 7:3-5) What would a “Godly rebuke” sound like? Could a rebuke be a way to show love? Why did the disciples respond the way they did in vs. 5? Do you find this truth hard to put into practice? Why?
5. When we place our dependence and trust on God, consider the possibilities! Jesus shares a vision in vs. 6. Share your vision and how your faith has been increased by God.
6. Consider the parable shared in vs. 7-10. In the first century, eating at table with someone would signify that you were equals. A master would not do this with his servant. What does Jesus mean? What does it mean for kingdom citizens to “do their duty?” Contrast faith and “works”. What does this parable say about the relationship between the two?

**Reflection:**

1. What do you take away from these verses? Do you see any themes presented in what appears to be “random thoughts” that Luke records? What implications do these verses have on our lives?
2. How can your group unite to put into kingdom truths of these verses?

**Prayer:** God, help live out the truth of what it means to follow you and live out our faith. Help us to make it easier for people to enter the kingdom. Help us to forgive. Help us to rely solely on you. Help me ascribe unsurpassable worth to everyone. Thank you for Jesus and His sacrifice. Holy Spirit, move my heart to love and service.