

Wednesday

Read: **Luke 17:7** *What do we owe to God?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is Jesus trying to say about our duty?*
2. *Do we expect credit from God? Why?*

Prayer Focus Show us that living even with our small faith is part of the contract and covenant you made with us, Creator. It should be our business as usual to follow your commands.

Thursday

Read: **Luke 17:8-9** *What does God owe to us?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *On this week following World Communion Sunday, what do hear God commanding you to do?*
2. *What things do you do as a duty each day—to your family, community, God?*

Prayer Focus You wouldn't give us commands you don't believe we can fulfill, Great God. Your expectations for us are based in our full reliance on you. We commit ourselves today to let go of our need for perfection in favor of trust in you.

Friday

Read: **Luke 17:10** *What more is there to do?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does this say about merit and earning God's approval? About our relationship with God?*
2. *What could you do today with your seed of faith?*

Prayer Focus We pledge our mustard seeds of faith to you, Beloved, to practice the faith we have. We are ready to join with you in doing the impossible, in your name.

Increase Our Faith

Pastor's message: Luke 17:5-10; World Communion Sunday

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Has someone ever performed a task for you out of a sense of duty? How did you respond?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Luke 17:5-10**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read: Luke 17:5 *The apostles' cry*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why do the disciples turn to Jesus for more faith?*
2. *Do you ever feel you need more faith? Why?*

Prayer Focus Thank you, God, for the gift of faith handed down to us over the ages. Yet, sometimes this life, this world, are so daunting, Lord. We fear we'll fail unless we are giants in our faith, never doubting, never weak. Help us in our unbelief, Giver of Grace.

Tuesday

Read: Luke 17:6 *What faith can do*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why is our faith so small?*
2. *What "impossible" things do you see that need doing in our world?*

Prayer Focus How much faith do we need? Some days, we feel we don't have enough faith to do the simple things, never mind the impossible. Yet you, our Rock, assure us of your strength, which is ours to connect to and embrace, no matter how small our faith.

