

## Disciples Pray for Increase of Faith

### Lesson IX – Luke 17:1–18:43

#### Review:

Joy over Finding the Lost (Luke 15:1–10)

Pardon for Penitent Sinners (Luke 15:11–24)

Lost in the Father's House (Luke 15:25–32)

Giving an Account (Luke 16:1–12)

Serving Two Masters (Luke 16:13–18)

A Man Who Had No Friend in Eternity (Luke 16:19–31)



#### Theme Verse:

But Jesus called them to Him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." **Luke 18:16**

#### Bible Study:

##### **Lord, "Increase Our Faith!"**

Read Luke 17:1–10

1. What do we reveal about ourselves when we refuse to forgive someone who has sinned against us (see Matthew 18:35; James 2:13)?
2. Why is it good sincerely to confess that we are unworthy servants of God?

##### **The Missing Nine**

Read Luke 17:11–19

1. Why is adversity a greater blessing for some people than prosperity? What can be said of people who call on God only when in trouble?
2. What does ingratitude toward God evidence? Why should a Christian thank God every day (see explanation of the First Article of the Creed)?

## A Dangerous World

Read Luke 17:20–37

1. How can we recognize the presence of Christ's kingdom of grace (Isaiah 55:11)? How can we know whether we are in this kingdom?
2. Why does Jesus want us to "remember Lot's wife" (see Genesis 19:26)? How do some imitate her conduct today? What are the results?

## The Right Kind of Prayer

Read Luke 18:1–14

1. Compare verses 1–8 with Luke 11:5–8 and Genesis 32:24–30. What do these passages teach us about prayers that bring results?
2. How did St. Paul imitate the example of the tax collector (1 Timothy 1:15)? What does this parable teach regarding the spirit in which we should pray?

## Jesus Loves Children and Youth

Read Luke 18:15–23

1. Mention ways in which parents become guilty of keeping their children from Jesus. Why should infants and children be baptized?
2. How is the rich ruler an example to young people? Would he have been saved by giving his riches to the poor? Explain.

## A Profitable Exchange

Read Luke 18:24–43

1. What does the apostle say about riches in 1 Timothy 6:9–10? Can poor people fall into the same trap as wealthy people by trusting in riches?
2. Why should we not regret any sacrifices we make for Christ and His Church (2Corinthians 8:9)?

## Closing:

Some activities this week to grow your faith:

- As part of your daily devotions, begin reading the Book of Concord, starting with the creeds;
- Ask how you might support the children's or youth ministry at your congregation or in your community;
- Read **Luke 19:1–20:47** to prepare for the next lesson.