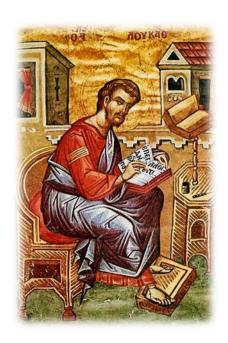
Disciples Pray for Increase of Faith Lesson IX – Luke 17:1–18:43

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.