

The Unworthy Servant Luke 17:1-10

Introduction

Parable (παραβολή) – “to cast beside”

Jesus used parables to compare a story or an example with a specific _____ truth.
Used to communicate the message of complex teachings.

Background and Context

In Luke Jesus is doing some serious teaching.

In the crowd are his _____ and the _____.

Pharisee (Φαρισαίος) means “ _____ ”.

- They were lovers of _____ and very _____ religious authorities.

Followers or _____:

- They were _____ and _____ of Christ.
- More than just the original 12 Disciples who are now called _____.

Jesus is teaching his followers how to live a life of faith.

Luke 17:1-4

Do not cause others to _____.

Skandalon (σκανδαλον) – To trip someone up or cause someone to _____.

- Metaphorically used to refer to temptation to sin or anything like an activity or _____ that could get in the way of spiritual growth and health.

How to not cause others to stumble: _____ others as God loves us (1 John 4:7-8)

Be on your guard! If your brother sins rebuke and _____ him!

Primary goal is repentance and restoration.

- Centered on a trusting relationship to raise up, not tear down.
- Forgive freely and often for as many times as one repents.

Luke 17:5-6

To this teaching, the apostles respond, " _____ our faith!"

Jesus responds with _____ - _____ faith. (Luke 17:6; Matt 17:20)

- Faith, even the size of a mustard seed, when placed in God, is _____.
- God's power is unlimited
- We don't need more faith, we need to put our faith to _____.

Luke 17:7-10

Jesus asks three rhetorical questions about master/slave relationship.

Critical to understand master/slave relationship in biblical times.

The Greek word "Doulos" (δούλος)

- Slave or bond-servant
- Wholly devoted to the master and part of the household
- Obeys master's every command and wish, 24/7

As a servant is expected to obey his master, without thanks or a pat on the back, we are expected to serve because of who we serve.

If Jesus is Lord, our place is as a _____ servant so others may see His works in us.

Summary

Love others:

Forgive others:

Have genuine faith:

Obeys God: