

Increase Our Faith

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Open Up

How does faith play into what you normally do to please God? For instance, how does attending a church service weekly express your trust in Jesus?

Dig in!

As a Christ-follower you need ever-increasing faith to...

...resist the temptation to sin (17:1-2)

- Given our various roles in life (child, parent, student, teacher, employee, employer, spouse, fiancé, boy/girl friend, friend, or neighbour) describe a situation in which we can be leading people away from temptation? Pick one or two roles to wrestle through as a group.
- How do you feel about the strategy of avoiding temptation by using leisure time to engage in mission and ministry? Is it effective?

...forgive those who sin against you (17:3-4)

- Why do we need the kind of radical commitment to forgiveness we see described in this section? Why must we offer it to others?
- Who is the repeat offender in your life that needs this faithful response from you?

...do the miraculous (17:5-6)

“There should always be things happening around us and in that are divinely caused miracles”

- Why doesn't God grant us power through faith to do “magic-tricks”?
- The Mulberry Bush in the parable is comparable to an ugly and deeply entangled problem that the disciples could conquer through faith. It represents an extreme challenge. Where can you apply the principal of this parable in your life?

...serve God and others with humility (17:7-10)

- Do you struggle to serve God without getting recognition for it? How can having more faith help someone who struggles this way?

...be grateful to God for what he has done for you (17:11-19)

- The comment about the leper being a Samaritan is significant. Why did the Samaritan give praise but the Jewish lepers did not? How do we avoid their mistake? *(It seems that the nine other lepers felt entitled to the pity they demanded from Jesus and that God owed healing to them.)*

Break Out!

God sets unique challenges before each believer. Define one of your unique challenges in a few words (perhaps one you've not yet shared with the group). What specific support do you need to trust God for as he leads you through this challenge?

