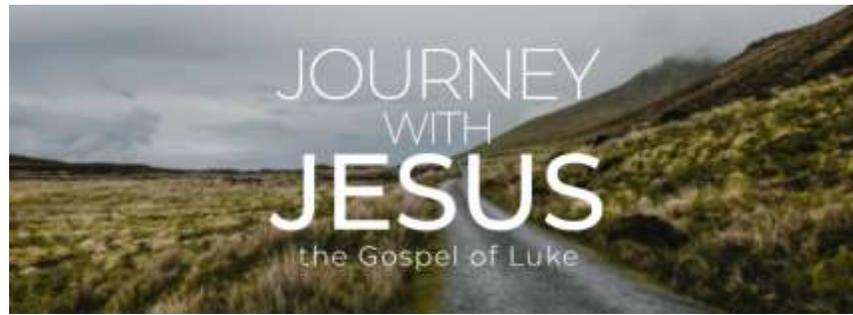


Week 7  
2/20/22  
The Kingdom



*“On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee” 17:11*

17:1-10 More about Discipleship

17:1 There will be stumbling blocks... don't be one of them!

17:2 Who are the “little ones”?

Children, new Christians, the poor?

*How do Christians today sometimes cause stumbling blocks?*

17:3-4 Jesus exhorts Christians to forgive!

*Why do the disciples respond “Increase our faith!”?*

17:7-9 Humility in serving

See ourselves and others in humility.

*What is the difference between you and Billy Graham?*

17:11-19 Cleansing of 10 Lepers – One Thankful

Jesus is traveling between Galilee and Samaria – the edge of society

a common theme – those “outside” are brought in

The thankful one takes the effort to return (17:15)

*When do we make an effort to say thank you?*

The thankful one is a “foreigner” (same word on the warning pillars at the temple)

*Who do we expect to express thanks? Whose thanks is surprising?*

17:20-37 The Kingdom – How, When, and Where

17:21 “The Kingdom is in your midst” (to the Pharisees!)

What is the Kingdom of God?

Now / Not Yet

17:25 “But first [the Son of Man] must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.” (Luke 9:22, 44; 13:33; 18:31-33; I Thessalonians 4:14)

17:22 “Like lightning” - The Coming Kingdom will be clear to all  
*How is this truth Good News?*

17:23-31 Like Noah and Lot – the Kingdom will come suddenly  
*How does Jesus’ illustration help your understanding of the Old Testament?*

17:34-35 Not all will be taken into the Kingdom  
What about the “rapture”?

Many issues – from this context – this is the LAST DAY

18:1-14 Parables of attitude and prayer

18:1-8 The Unjust Judge

Who is the Judge? Who is the widow?

*What’s the point? (18:1)*

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Luke 11:13

18:9-14 Pharisee and Tax Collector (17:7-9)

What’s the point? (18:9)

*When are Christians like the Pharisee?*

*When are we like the Tax Collector?*

18:15-17 Children and the Kingdom (17:1-2)

Sometimes it is hard to tell between parables and events

What’s the danger? Why is this good?

18:18-30 The Rich Ruler

What is the rich man’s focus? (18:18,21)

How does this event illustrate 17:23-31? 18:10-12?

*Is it a sin to own possessions (to be rich)?*

What is the real issue for this man?

*How do we wrestle with this issue?*

The problem is a matter of focus – seeing ourselves and Jesus clearly.  
*Seeing clearly will continue to be a theme as Jesus approaches Jerusalem (18:31-19:28)*