

ANSWER SHEET

A Study of the Gospel according to Luke Fall Session# 3 – Lessons and Warnings Read Luke 17: 1 – 37

1. The word “offend” means to be a stumbling block. Who are these people? What makes a person a stumbling block?

Answer it by filling in the blank. “A stumbling block is anyone who_____.”

A stumbling block is anyone who practices sin, who continues in sin and seduces others to sin.

Many persons seduce others into sins:
Of grumbling, complaining, and criticizing
Of taking sides against others.
Of being worldly and materialistic
Of craving more and more.
Of being conceited and prideful
Of living loose and immoral lives
Of cursing and talking filthy

A stumbling block is anyone who makes a false profession, anyone who claims to be a follower of Christ, but who is not.

A stumbling block is anyone who discourages a person from following and serving Christ.

2. Read verse 17:3. What does it mean to rebuke a person? How should we correct an offending brother or sister?

To rebuke does not mean to point out every sin we see; it means to bring sin to a person’s attention with the purpose of restoring him or her to God and to fellow humans. When you feel you must rebuke another Christian for a sin, check your attitudes before you speak.

3. Fill in the blanks: **Genuine** faith is what is needed, not **Great** faith.
What is faith? (Do not answer with Hebrews 11:1 – smile)

It is total dependence on God and a willingness to do his will. Faith is not something we use to put on a show for others. It is complete and humble obedience to God’s will, readiness to do whatever He calls us to do. The amount of faith is not as important as the right kind of faith – genuine faith in our all -powerful God.

4. Read verse 17: 10. Jesus tell us that after we have done all we are commanded to do; we should say we are “unprofitable servants.” Why?

No matter what we do for Christ, it is our duty to do it. We are unworthy of the privilege to

serve Him. We are to count ourselves “unprofitable servants.” No person can claim that they have done all they should. We all come short, no matter how much we do or how great the work. There is no room for pride or arrogance or boasting. God commands perfection: therefore, He expects humility.

5. Jesus heals ten men with leprosy. What should this story teach us about perseverance?

God does not always answer our prayers immediately. Sometimes we need to learn to trust Him more or to build up a greater sense of need and desperation. Forcing us to seek and knock and persevere does both. Perseverance in prayer day after day keeps us in His presence. God is after a sweet communion and fellowship with us.

6. Jesus answered the religionists (Pharisees) questions about the Kingdom of God with two very simple statements. What did Jesus say and what do these statements mean to you?

Verse 20: The Kingdom of God cannot be observed. It means that the Kingdom of God does not come with an outward, dramatic, thunderous show. It cannot be seen with the naked eye. It comes with a silent pervasive influence.

Verse 21: The Kingdom of God is within you. It means that the Kingdom of God is spiritual, it is the changing of hearts, the rule and reign of God within our lives. It is the power of God to take a sinful, immoral, and unjust person and change them into a servant of God. It also means that Christ is saying He is the embodiment of the Kingdom of God. He was setting up the Kingdom of God among the people, there and then.

7. Jesus compares the day of His return to be as the days of Noah and Lot. What does this comparison say to us about when the Son of Man will return?

When the Son of Man returns, the world will be the same as it was in the days of Noah and Lot. This means people will be going about their routine day-to-day affairs. People will not believe God’s warnings.

People will be caught unaware. Unexpectedly, suddenly Christ will appear, and we will be judged. True believers who have really prepared themselves will be saved and delivered.

8. What does the illustration that Jesus teaches the disciples in verse 37 teach us about His return?

The illustration teaches that the day of His return will be universal, that is worldwide. Since death is universal, vultures/eagles are found everywhere. Therefore, the coming of Jesus Christ and of God’s kingdom will be the same as the coming of vultures/eagles. He shall come to the whole earth, to the place where humans die.