

LAST MINUTE COURSE

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NOTES FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

Aim: 'to learn to build on life solid foundations'

COURSE PLAN

(Jesus' commands in the 4 gospels,
based on the chronological order of Luke's gospel)

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sample below for preview

SESSION 1 - **put together on faith** (Lk 17:5-10)

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SESSION 2 - **put together on prayer** (Lk 18:1-8)

SESSION 3 - **put together on service**
(Mt 20:20-28 with Mk 10:35-45)

SESSION 4 - **put together on submission**
(Mt 22:15-22 with Mk 12:13-17; Lk 20:20-26)

SESSION 5 - **put together on love**
(Mt 22:34-40 with Mk 12:28-34)

SESSION 6 - **put together on modesty** (Mt 23:1-12)

SESSION 7 - **put together on vigilance**
(Mt 24:1-51 with Mk 13:1-37, Lk 21:5-36)

SESSION 8 - **put together on discipleship**
(Mt 28:16-20)

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SESSION 1 - 'put together on faith'

① Read Luke 17 verses 5 to 10

② to start

- what is Luke 17:1-4 about?
- are they linked to our passage (v.5-10)?
- has Jesus used a similar comparison for faith elsewhere?
- whatever the reason for the disciples to make their request Jesus again takes the opportunity to repeat his teaching about the same aspect of faith [= not easy for disciples to grasp and important to Jesus]

③ FAITH

- in Lk.17:5-10 what are the 2 different aspects of faith Luke actually conveys?

1. verse 5?

- what do we learn re faith in Hebrews 11:1-6?
- it took faith from the disciples to make their request known to Jesus (Lk.17:5)
- does verse 6 seem to be a rebuke?
- what do you make of the following comment: 'common experiences but not commendable; still forgivable' ? [Jesus still calmed the storm]
- are some are commended for their "great faith"? see Mt.8:5-13 & 15:21-28
- how is Heb.11:6-19 a summary of Abraham's journey of faith, the possibility & importance of trusting, having & growing in confidence in God?

③ (faith continued)

- faith is not static, but a journey in learning to know God & his attributes, to know Him – the better we know the better the faith / trust

2. what is the 2nd aspect of faith in Lke 17:6-10?

- Jesus' reply has 2 sections; v.6 = teaching and v.7-10 = illustration
- what is the teaching of v.6?
- so what is this faith about? see Lk.17:6 with Mt.17:20; Mk.11:23)
'if you have faith'
- how to know if? See Mk 11:23 ?
- 'he did what he was told to do', Lk.17:9?
- 'you can say'?
- faith listed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit; 1 Cor.12:7-11 (v.9), 1 Cor.13:2
- what is the point of v.7 to 10 in Luke 17?

④ to sum up: counting on the help of the Holy Spirit to ...

- realise the importance of having faith in God - believing and growing in our confidence in Him
- be honest and admit any failure in fully trusting Him
- understand the different aspect & potential of faith as a mustard seed
- cooperate with the Holy Spirit in speaking out whenever gifted with such faith