

Take Away – Connection: How much faith do I need to have my prayers answered?

Text: Luke 17: 5 - 6

Date: 5-15-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. Read Mark 11:22-25. How is this passage similar to Luke 17:3-6? What does this appeal for faith in relation to forgiveness tell us about how difficult it is to forgive?
2. What was Jesus' response to the disciples asking for more faith? Did the disciples need more faith? Or did they need a different kind of faith? Explain.
3. What are some of the reasons for why it is so hard to forgive others? What are some of the reasons why it is hard to forgive ourselves?
4. React to: "Sometimes the thing that we are asking God to help with in prayer is not necessarily what God wants us to be focused on."
5. React to: "We keep praying and waiting, praying and waiting, and while we wait, our focus continues to be on the thing that we want. And we don't see the thing that we want in our lap. So, we begin to doubt that God has heard our prayers."
6. Have you ever met someone who was really genuinely forgiving? What were they like? What was their faith like? Describe them.
7. How would you counsel a believer who excused his/her disobedience in following the clear calling of God by saying, "I just don't have a strong enough faith to do it!"?