

Luke 17-18
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Luke 17:5 (NLT, pg. 870) The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV, pg. 978) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 870)

Faith is increased with _____.

Luke 17:15-16 (NLT) One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.

The more we praise God, the more we realize we _____ God.

Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 871)

Faith is increased with _____.

Luke 18:8 (NLT, pg. 871) I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?”

God answers _____ prayer.

Luke 18:18-30 (pg. 872)

Faith is increased with _____.

Luke 18:27 (NLT, pg. 872) He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible with God.”

If your faith isn’t producing anything new in your life, it is time for a _____ in your journey.

Final Thought: Until we are with God in heaven our journey isn’t over, and our faith needs to keep growing. What do you need right now to _____ your faith?

Luke 17-18 Discussion Questions

How strong is your faith right now? (literally share with your group a number between 1 and 10; 1 it is very weak, 10 it is as strong as can be) Review Ephesians 2:8-9. According to these verses it takes grace and faith to be saved. What is the difference between the two? (if you have time, tag on verse 10 and discuss how it teaches praise, persistence, and production)

In your experience, can the three ways identified to increase faith (praise, persistence, and production) truly increase your faith? Why or why not? Which one has increased your faith the most in the past? Which one is needed in your faith journey today? Explain. Read Luke 18:9-14. Read Luke 18:43. In each story, identify where you see the three ways that faith is increased; praise, persistence, and production.

Describe something/someone you have prayed for and kept praying for a long period of time. Have you received resolution to that request? If so, what kept you going to the end? If not, what is keeping you going with it? Explain. What advice would you give a friend that is tempted to give up praying? “God answers every prayer; yes, no, or wait.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

Faith has the potential to produce a lot of things. What has your faith produced in your life? Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Galatians 5:22-23. According to these passages what should the faith of every believer produce? Has your faith produced these? (if you have time, examine Galatians 5:16-26 for a deeper discussion on what our lives produce)