

## Passage Analysis

Scripture: Luke 17:1-10

- Subject: How are disciples of Jesus meant to live so that they bring honor to God and others?
- Complement: They do not cause others to stumble through their actions, are marked by a life of forgiveness and deepening faith, and serve with humble hearts.
- Main Idea: Disciples of Jesus honor God and others when they are wary of causing others to stumble, walk in continuous forgiveness and faith, and serve with humble hearts.

Scripture: Isaiah 7:1-17

- Subject: How do the people of God stand firm in their faith in the face of danger and difficulty?
- Complement: Do not be afraid and trust in the promises/signs of God. The ultimate promise is the coming of Immanuel.
- Main Idea: The people of God stand firm in their faith regardless of their circumstances by trusting in the promises of God, primarily the fulfillment of the promise that Immanuel has come.

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4

- Subject: How are elders of the church meant to lead the people?
- Complement: They must be present and willing servants who humbly point to Christ through their actions and store their treasure in Heaven.
- Main Idea: Elders of the church lead well by being present and willing servants who humbly point to Christ through their actions and store their treasure in Heaven.

Scripture: Psalm 131

- Subject: How do the people of God place their hope in Him for all their days? (Written while in exile.)
- Complement: They walk humbly and grow in maturity.
- Main Idea: The people of God must walk humbly and grow in maturity to be able to continuously put their hope in Him.

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

- Subject: How do believers deal with sin in the church?
- Complement: They follow a three step process that results in the person(s) being treated as an unbeliever, who we are called to fully love, if they will not repent: individually communicate the fault to the person, communicate the same fault with a few more present, communicate it to the church with prayer before the Father to reach agreement in the Body.

- Main Idea: Believers navigate sin in the church by following a three step process that results in the person(s) being treated as an unbeliever, who we are called to fully love, if they will not repent: individually communicate the fault to the person, communicate the same fault with a few more present, communicate it to the church with prayer before the Father to reach agreement in the Body.

Scripture: Esther

- Subject: Is God faithful and present in our stories?
- Complement: His thread of power and love is found throughout our stories even when He is “silent” and/or all hope seems lost. Like Mordecai and Esther, we get to choose if we will live by faith or fear. .
- Main Idea: God is faithful and present regardless of our circumstances or His supposed silence, and we get to choose if we will live as people of faith or fear in response.

Scripture: Hebrews 13:5-6

- Subject: How do we live in contentment regarding our earthly possessions?
- Complement: Live with the confidence that God is with us and put our trust in him, not the people or possessions of this world.
- Main Idea: We are able to live in contentment with what we have when we know that God is with us, and we put our trust in Him rather than people or earthly possessions.

Scripture: Daniel 4

- Subject: How does God demonstrate that He is the King of kings?
- Complement: He miraculously humbles the most powerful ruler on earth to the point that he worships Him as the true King.
- Main Idea: God can humble any person and call them to worship Him as He demonstrates that He is the King of kings through his power and love.

Scripture: Luke 8:1-18

- Subject: How do we truly hear and put the Word of God into action so that we help grow the harvest field?
- Complement: Ask for ears to hear and understand, tend to the seeds in our heart so that they take root, persevere through the suffering of this world, and live boldly as a light for others to see.
- Main Idea: We grow in understanding and increase the Kingdom of Heaven when we ask for ears to hear, tend to the seeds in our heart so that they take root, persevere through the suffering of this world, and live boldly as a light for others to see.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

- Subject: What does faith look like and produce in others?

- Complement: It follows the model of Christ through the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit, and then our lives become a model for others on earth.
- Main Idea: A life marked by faith follows the model of Christ and is sustained through the power of the Holy Spirit. That then inspires others to ultimately follow the model of Christ through seeing our example.

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

- Subject: Why must we choose forgiveness regardless of the offenses we experience on earth?
- Complement: Jesus paid the highest cost so that we could be forgiven and free, so regardless of how much we forgive on earth, we are still in His debt and must follow His model.
- Main Idea: We forgive all offenses on earth because Jesus modeled the ultimate sacrifice of forgiveness through His death on the cross. We must follow His example to be His disciples and remember that we are in His debt.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8

- Subject: How do we walk out the freedom Christ bought for us well?
- Complement: Do not live in chains to religious rules, but base your actions on what honors the power of God in you and the level of spiritual strength of those around you.
- Main Idea: We walk in the freedom Christ bought for us by breaking out of religious chains, and using discernment to make choices that honor God and the level of spiritual strength of those around you.