

“Have you heard the one about...”

The Millstone, the Mulberry Tree & the Meal



Luke 17:1-10

17 Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 So watch yourselves.

‘If your brother or sister[a] sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. 4 Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying “I repent,” you must forgive them.’

5 The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’

6 He replied, ‘If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree,

“Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it will obey you.

7 ‘Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, “Come along now and sit down to eat”? 8 Won’t he rather say, “Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink”? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.”’



A starter question

1. At the start of this central section of Luke Jesus says “love your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:10) what does this look like.?

Discussion Time

2. What things could I say or do that could cause someone to sin or turn awaysay from Jesus?

3. How can I help someone who is falling into sin?

4. How do you feel about forgiveness?

At Home:

5. Who do I need to speak to this week in response to this message? A word of apology, rebuke or forgiveness.

6. How can we make sure we keep loving each other like this in church?