

• LESSON 18 (May 8) •

Luke 17 • “Behold, the Kingdom of God is in Your Midst”

1. Luke 17 begins with very straightforward words of Jesus to his disciples. “Temptations to sin are sure to come...” (17:1). How ought those words shape who we are, even today?
2. “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come” (17:1). What is Jesus telling us in Luke 17:1-2?
3. When you read Luke 17:3-4, what are you thinking? What does Jesus want from us? Why?
4. What do you make of Jesus’ reply to the apostles’ plea in Luke 17:5-6?
5. What is Jesus’ point in Luke 17:7-10? How does it apply to us today?
6. Luke includes the miracle of Jesus healing ten lepers in his “orderly account” for a reason (17:11-19). What is that reason? What is it about this episode that we must grasp as modern disciples?
7. It’s important for us to understand what people had in mind 2,000 years ago when they anxiously inquired about “the kingdom of God” and its arrival (17:20). Carefully read Luke 17:20-21. What is Jesus communicating about his kingdom and its coming?
8. “Behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you” (17:21). What did Jesus mean by this affirmation?
9. For what is Jesus preparing his disciples in Luke 17:22-37?
10. “Remember Lot’s wife” (17:32). What does Jesus want his disciples to remember about Lot’s wife (Gen 19)? How is she a powerful illustration of what Jesus is describing in Luke 17:22-37?