

## Unworthy Servants (4/24/22)

**Main Verses:** Luke 17:7-10

**Key Verse:** Luke 17:10

**'Takeaway':** When we serve God through Jesus, we serve not to feel good or get something in return, but because it is right.

**Getting Started:** [MISSING]



**READ** the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Is the master being rude in Jesus' example? Is Jesus teaching here on how to speak to people?
- What does it mean to serve?
- Should we get special praise for doing what we're supposed to do?

Elementary:

- Is the master being rude in Jesus' example? Is Jesus teaching here on how to speak to people?
- Do you expect to be thanked for doing the right thing?
- What does "we are unworthy servants" mean?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- We should do what is right as a follower of Jesus. Rightness and love as motivations go hand in hand.
- God owes us nothing (including thanks for doing what is right), and yet He has done so much for us by sending his Son to die and rise again so that we can know him.
- God gives us a new heart through Jesus, a heart that loves what is right.
- We serve God because we love him and want to bring honor and glory to his name.

Elementary:

- This parable reminds us that we are all unworthy servants.
- Christians ought to acknowledge that God owes us **nothing**, & that we owe him **everything**, including our very lives.
- We serve God, & obey him, because it is the right thing to do. Rightness & love as motivation go hand in hand.
- God gives us a new heart through Jesus, a heart that loves what is right. We serve God because we love him and want to bring honor and glory to his name.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK): Talk to God, thanking him that he teaches us what is right as we grow in him and learn from him. Thank him for sending Jesus so that we can have life in him forever, knowing there is nothing we can do to deserve this amazing gift. Ask God to help you hear his voice & obey it as you go through your days, with a heart full of love for him.

(Elementary): Talk to God, thanking him for sending Jesus to rescue us from our selfish sinfulness. Thank God for Jesus and for the opportunity to learn and know him more each day, even though we are unworthy apart from Jesus. Ask God to help you to remember we owe him everything, and to help you serve and obey him because you love him.