

**Discussion & Reflection Questions**  
**Pentecost 17C - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Read: Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you think the disciples ask Jesus to “increase our faith” (v.5)? What might have prompted that request in the context of the previous verses?
2. This isn’t the parable of the mustard seed (Luke 13) but do you see any connections to that parable?
3. What is your understanding of faith?
4. What do you think Jesus is saying about faith in these verses? What do you think he is not saying?
5. In verses 7–10, Jesus uses a brief parable about a servant. What is the main point of this illustration, & how does it connect to the teaching about faith & the mustard seed?
6. Where in your life do you feel like your faith is “small,” & how might Jesus’ teaching encourage you?
7. How might this passage reshape the way we pray about or think about “more faith” & our own spiritual growth & maturity?

**Prayer**

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit’s power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.