

1. What is Jesus saying in Luke 17:3?

COMENTARY FROM THE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE COMMENTARY:

17:1–4. **Jesus** taught about the obligations **His disciples** had toward other people (vv. 1–4) and God (vv. 6–10). Followers of Jesus are not to **cause people to sin**. In this life sin cannot be eradicated—such things **are bound to come**. **But** a disciple would be better off drowned by **a millstone** (a heavy stone for grinding grain) **tied around his neck, than** to bring spiritual harm (skandalisē, “to cause to sin”) to **these little ones** (people who, like little children, are helpless before God; cf. 10:21; Mark 10:24). Presumably the sinning referred to is lack of faith in the Messiah. Jesus had already noted that the Pharisees were not only refusing to enter the kingdom but were also keeping others from entering (Luke 11:52).

Not only are Jesus’ followers not to cause others to sin; they also are to counteract sin by forgiving others (17:3–4). One should **rebuke** a **brother** if he **sins**. **If he repents**, he is to be forgiven even if he **sins** and repents over and over. The words **seven times in a day** denote a completeness—as often as it happens.

John A. Martin, “Luke,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 247–248.

2. Why has the greeting time during Sunday morning service been eliminated? I feel this is an important part of the service. Don't you think new people will not feel as welcomed by eliminating this part of our service?

The greeting time has not been eliminated. We simply do not schedule it every week due to the other things that need to happen in the services. Thanks for your input!

3. Is it Biblical to ask saints to pray for us?

No. The 66 books of the New and Old Testaments in the Bible do not encourage this. However, the Catholic Church does use the Apocrypha to support their teaching about this topic.

4. The worship service sermon Sunday was very informative, interesting and helpful. The service was planned well with music and videos, and flowed better than ever. How about a little music as we are walking out? Look forward to next Sunday.

Jeff and I will discuss this. Thanks for your input!