The Attitude of an Unworthy Servant

Luke 17:1-10 Key Verse: 17:10

"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."

- 1. Read verse 1. To whom is Jesus speaking? Why is it inevitable that things that cause people to sin will come? What are some things that cause people to sin?
- 2. Read verses 2-3a. How serious is it to cause others to sin? Why does Jesus say "watch yourselves"? How can we? (Ex 20:20; Ps 119:11; Mt 6:13)
- 3. Read verses 3b-4. What is the responsibility of the disciple in the matter of sin and forgiveness? How should we rebuke? (2Ti 4:2) Why must we forgive? (Lk 11:4; 23:34a)
- 4. Read verses 5-6. What was their response to Jesus' command to forgive without limits? Why do we need faith in order to forgive? How did Jesus teach them the power of faith?
- 5. Read verses 7-10. What is the servant's job? What would he never expect after coming in from a hard day's work in the field? Why? Rather, what would he expect? Why? What must servants of God learn from this?
- 6. Read verse 10 again. What does it mean to consider one's self "unworthy"? What does it mean to have the attitude of an unworthy servant? (1Co 15:10) Why must God's people work with joy and willingness?