

## Good Shepherd

### Bible Study

October 2, 2022: Luke 17:5-10

17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22

Opening Prayer (together): O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### First Reading - New Revised Standard Version

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?<sup>8</sup> 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'?<sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?<sup>10</sup> 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!' "

- **What one word, phrase or image catches your attention?**
- **And, how does this passage inform our boldness and creativity for building God's kingdom? How does this passage touch your life today?**

#### Second Reading – The Message

<sup>5</sup> The apostles came up and said to the Master, "Give us more faith."

<sup>6</sup> But the Master said, "You don't need *more* faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.

<sup>7-10</sup> "Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take his coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of him? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.'"

- How is God inviting you to change today?**
- **What is God inviting you to do today?**
  - **Who is God inviting you to be today?**