

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 17:20-37 (June 7, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon.* —

1. The sermon challenges us to examine whether we truly know Christ personally and intimately, or if we are merely seeking a 'religious experience about God.' What is the difference between these two approaches, and which one characterizes your current spiritual journey?
2. Early Christians were willing to be burned at the stake, crucified, or boiled in oil for their faith. In our modern era of 'soft, flimsy, and castrated Christianity,' what would you be willing to sacrifice or endure for Christ?
3. The message states that we live in a time with more Bibles, sermons, and Christian resources than ever before, yet we are 'farther from the Lord today than those who had no Bibles were two thousand years ago.' How can abundance of resources lead to spiritual poverty?
4. Jesus said the narrow path has been expanded into a 'super highway that entices people to come and never change, never surrender, never even make a commitment.' What specific ways have you observed this dilution of the gospel's demands in contemporary church culture?
5. The sermon emphasizes that 'the Kingdom of God is in the midst of you' rather than something to be observed externally. How does this shift our focus from waiting for future signs to recognizing God's present kingdom work?
6. Lot's wife serves as a warning about divided loyalty between the world and God. What are the modern equivalents of 'looking back' that tempt Christians to cling to worldly desires while claiming to follow Christ?
7. Jesus warns that salvation is personal, using examples of two people in bed or working together where one is taken and one is left. How does this challenge assumptions about family connections, church attendance, or religious associations guaranteeing salvation?
8. The message describes cheap grace as leading to 'the second death' and calls for a return to 'the high cost of discipleship.' What does dying to self daily look like in practical terms in your everyday life?
9. The sermon states that people are 'dying from starvation in the chairs and pews of churches all over this world for a lack of any kind of spiritual food.' What constitutes genuine spiritual nourishment versus empty religious activity?
10. Jesus told the Pharisees they would not see the Kingdom of God because they sought observable signs rather than spiritual transformation. In what ways do we fall into the same trap of seeking tangible proof rather than walking by faith?