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**Food for Thought**  
**for the Second Week of Advent**

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How serious did Jesus view sin?

**Read Luke 17:1-3a.** Jesus warning here reminds us we should be careful not to entice others to sin.

Who, if any, have you enticed to sin?

**Read Luke 17:3b-5.** How often should we forgive if someone sins against us? When the disciples heard this they said to Jesus, "Increase our faith." They recognized they could not be people who hate sin, like Jesus hates sin, nor is willing to forgive, like Jesus told them to forgive, without power that only comes from God.

Write down some sins you are struggling to stop doing.

Write down the names of people you are having a hard time forgiving.

Set a timer for 10 minutes.

- Spend that time asking the Lord to forgive you and change you to where you don't want to sin anymore.
- Ask the Lord to give you the ability to truly forgive those people who have done you wrong.
- Spend the rest of the time thanking the Lord for the many times the Lord has forgiven you.

Josh said on Sunday that Christmas is a time of celebration AND transformation.

**Read Luke 17:11-19.** This is an account where Jesus did the impossible and healed ten men with debilitating leprosy. Out of the ten men, only one came back to celebrate.

Jesus too has done the impossible with us. He has forgiven us of our sins, declared us righteous, and is transforming us from sinners to saints.

Are you like one of the nine who has been transformed but has not celebrated?

What are some things you can do to make sure you truly celebrate Christ this Christmas?

Are you someone who celebrates Christmas, but does not celebrate Christ? You have never known the transformation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Take time to pray to Christ and ask him to transform you. After you do, call the church (540-775-5583) and talk to Josh about how you have been transformed by Christ and you are ready to celebrate this Christmas.