

Scripture Reading:

LUKE 17:1-10



LUKE 7:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 So watch yourselves.

LUKE 7:1-10

“If your brother or sister[a] sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

LUKE 7:1-10

He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?

LUKE 7:1-10

Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 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.'"

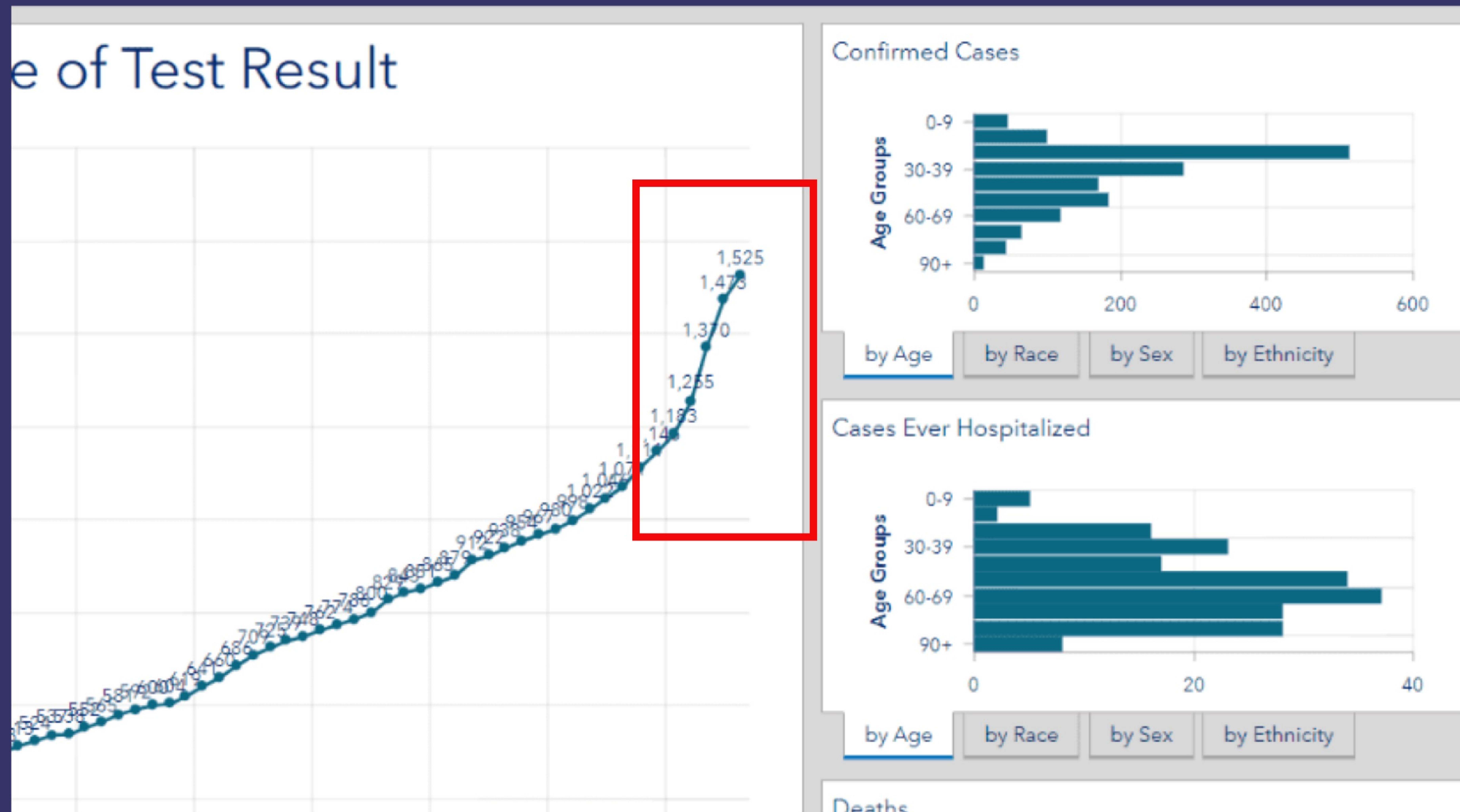


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**EXCEPT TODAY,
WHEN IT'S ON
ANOTHER PASSAGE.**

THIS ISN'T OVER



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Investing in, loving and then
releasing people as a church.

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THE WEAKEST HEART IS THE ENTITLED HEART

Predicting our future and having predictable lives feels comforting. But it is also weakening.

ENTITLEMENT

Our definition:

Someone that has had it good, that won't lift a finger to do his share.

What Jesus means:

Faith never allows an entitling dynamic to keep it from doing the next right thing.

JESUS CONFRONTS 3 ENTITLEMENTS

1. Entitlement of all I've suffered
2. Entitlement of the obedience I've offered
3. Entitlement of how right on my faith is

1. YOU MUST NOT CAUSE SOMEONE TO STUMBLE

To “cause to stumble” is to do something unjust that morally and spiritually injures another person, causing them to turn from God’s way.

These are paid in the cross or something worse.

2. YOU MUST FORGIVE IN RESPONSE TO REPENTANCE

Because it's right and you were forgiven.

Because if you don't, you may cause them to stumble.

3. WHAT WE CALL "LITTLE FAITH" JUST ISN'T FAITH

"Increase our faith"

The disciples think Jesus is asking too much of a human being with just normal faith.

4. DOING ONE'S DUTY DOESN'T CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE NEXT ONE

The last hardship or last obedience has no bearing on your duty to the next right thing. The next thing that is your moral or spiritual duty.

5. EITHER YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE SERVANTS, OR YOU DON'T

This isn't about guidance, it's about duty and authority.

THE WEAKEST HEART IS THE ENTITLED HEART...

...but starting with the absolute moral authority of God is quieting, clarifying and solidifying to the heart.

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