

Groups

Gospel of Luke Bible Study

Overview: This is a 10 week bible study on the gospel of Luke.

WEEK 1: Introduction to Luke & The Birth of Jesus

Passage: Luke 1:1–25; 1:26–80

Summaries:

1. **Luke's Purpose (1:1–4):** Luke writes an orderly account to provide certainty to Theophilus and others about Jesus' life and mission.
2. **The Foretelling of John the Baptist (1:5–25):** Zechariah and Elizabeth are chosen to parent the forerunner of the Messiah, showcasing God's faithfulness.
3. **The Annunciation (1:26–38):** The angel Gabriel tells Mary she will bear Jesus, the Son of the Most High, highlighting her faith and submission.
4. **Mary Visits Elizabeth (1:39–56):** The Holy Spirit causes both unborn children to respond, and Mary glorifies God.
5. **John's Birth (1:57–80):** Zechariah prophesies that John will prepare the way for the Messiah, pointing to God's redemption.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Luke emphasizes his careful investigation (v.1–4)?
2. What does Mary's response to the angel reveal about her character?
3. How is God's mercy and promise shown in Elizabeth and Zechariah's story?
4. How does John's role help us understand Jesus' mission?
5. How might God be asking you to respond in faith like Mary?
6. What does this chapter teach about God's timing?
7. What is the significance of silence and speech in Zechariah's experience?

WEEK 2: The Birth and Early Life of Jesus

Passage: Luke 2

Summaries:

1. **Jesus' Birth (2:1–7):** Born humbly in Bethlehem, fulfilling prophecy and emphasizing God's unexpected ways.
2. **Shepherds and Angels (2:8–20):** God announces Jesus' birth to the lowly, revealing His heart for the humble.
3. **Jesus Presented at the Temple (2:21–40):** Simeon and Anna recognize the Messiah, fulfilling God's promises.
4. **Jesus as a Boy in the Temple (2:41–52):** Even at 12, Jesus understands His divine mission, yet remains obedient to His parents.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the setting of Jesus' birth teach us about God's nature?
2. Why were the shepherds chosen as the first to hear?
3. What do Simeon and Anna's responses tell us about waiting on God?
4. How does Jesus model spiritual growth in this chapter?
5. In what ways can we be like Simeon and Anna in our faith journey?
6. How do these early events set the tone for Jesus' ministry?
7. What can we learn about honoring God in ordinary obedience?

WEEK 3: John the Baptist & Jesus' Baptism

Passage: Luke 3

Summaries:

1. **John's Ministry (3:1–20):** John calls people to repentance, preparing hearts for the Messiah through bold preaching.
2. **Jesus' Baptism (3:21–22):** The Trinity is revealed at Jesus' baptism, affirming His identity and mission.
3. **The Genealogy (3:23–38):** Tracing Jesus back to Adam shows He came for all humanity.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you summarize John's message?
 2. What does repentance mean practically today?
 3. How does Jesus' baptism reveal His relationship with the Father and Spirit?
 4. What does the genealogy teach us about Jesus' mission?
 5. What barriers prevent people from responding like those in John's time?
 6. How can we prepare our hearts for Jesus daily?
 7. What affirmations from God do you need to hear?
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WEEK 4: Jesus' Temptation & Early Ministry

Passage: Luke 4

Summaries:

1. **Jesus' Temptation (4:1–13):** Jesus overcomes temptation using Scripture, modeling reliance on God's Word.
2. **Jesus Rejected at Nazareth (4:14–30):** His hometown refuses Him, showing that truth can be confronting.
3. **Jesus' Authority Demonstrated (4:31–44):** He heals and casts out demons, confirming His divine authority.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus handle temptation?
 2. What can we learn from how He uses Scripture?
 3. Why was Jesus rejected in Nazareth?
 4. What risks come with proclaiming the truth?
 5. How does Jesus demonstrate His authority?
 6. In what ways are you tempted to compromise?
 7. What authority does Jesus have in your life?
 8. How can this passage encourage us in spiritual battles?
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WEEK 5: Calling the Disciples & Ministry Miracles

Passage: Luke 5

Summaries:

1. **Calling of the First Disciples (5:1–11):** Jesus calls fishermen to become “fishers of men,” inviting them into His mission.
2. **Jesus Heals and Forgives (5:12–26):** Demonstrates His power to heal physically and spiritually.
3. **Jesus Calls Levi (5:27–39):** Jesus calls a tax collector, showing He came for the marginalized and sinful.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Peter leave behind to follow Jesus?
 2. What does it mean to become a “fisher of men”?
 3. Why is forgiveness more significant than physical healing?
 4. How does Levi’s story challenge how we view others?
 5. How can we embody Jesus’ mission to the outcast?
 6. What keeps people from responding to Jesus’ call?
 7. What are you willing to leave behind for Jesus?
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WEEK 6: Love for Enemies & Authentic Faith

Passage: Luke 6

Summaries:

1. **Jesus’ Teaching on the Sabbath (6:1–11):** Jesus redefines religious rules in light of mercy.
2. **The Beatitudes (6:17–26):** God’s kingdom reverses worldly values.
3. **Love Your Enemies (6:27–36):** True discipleship means radical love.
4. **Judging Others and Fruitfulness (6:37–49):** Heart transformation is the root of godly action.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is radical about Jesus’ teaching on love?
2. How do the Beatitudes challenge your worldview?
3. What’s the difference between mercy and religious rule-following?
4. How can we live the “fruitful tree” life?

5. What does it mean to build your life on the rock?
 6. How do these teachings reflect Jesus' kingdom values?
 7. In what ways can you love difficult people this week?
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WEEK 7: Faith, Forgiveness & Identity

Passage: Luke 7

Summaries:

1. **Faith of the Centurion (7:1–10):** A Gentile's deep faith amazes Jesus, revealing that faith transcends boundaries.
2. **Raising the Widow's Son (7:11–17):** Jesus shows deep compassion and power over death.
3. **Jesus and John the Baptist (7:18–35):** Clarifies John's role and addresses expectations about the Messiah.
4. **The Sinful Woman Forgiven (7:36–50):** Jesus honors sincere repentance and teaches about true forgiveness.

Discussion Questions:

1. What made the centurion's faith remarkable?
 2. How does Jesus show compassion in this chapter?
 3. What are some modern-day expectations we place on God?
 4. Why did the Pharisee fail to honor Jesus?
 5. What is the connection between love and forgiveness?
 6. How can we reflect the woman's humility?
 7. How does this chapter challenge our assumptions about "worthy" people?
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WEEK 8: Parables of the Kingdom

Passage: Luke 8

Summaries:

1. **The Parable of the Sower (8:1–15):** Explains how hearts receive God's word differently.
2. **Jesus Calms the Storm (8:22–25):** Reveals His power over creation and His call for trust.
3. **Healing of the Demoniac (8:26–39):** Jesus frees a man in bondage, showcasing the power of His word.
4. **Healing and Resurrection (8:40–56):** Jesus responds to faith, regardless of status or circumstance.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which soil best describes your heart right now?
 2. What hinders the Word from taking root in people?
 3. How do Jesus' miracles display His identity?
 4. What does it mean to have faith "in the storm"?
 5. Why does Jesus allow delay before healing Jairus' daughter?
 6. What is the role of fear in faith development?
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WEEK 9: The Cost of Discipleship

Passage: Luke 9

Summaries:

1. **Jesus Sends the Twelve (9:1–9):** Empowered for mission, the disciples are to trust God for provision.
2. **Peter's Confession (9:18–27):** Peter declares Jesus as Messiah; Jesus predicts suffering and defines true discipleship.
3. **The Transfiguration (9:28–36):** Jesus' divine glory is revealed to Peter, James, and John.
4. **True Greatness and Humility (9:37–62):** Jesus redefines greatness through service and total commitment.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "take up your cross" daily?
2. How can we grow in trusting God's provision?
3. How does Peter's confession shape your faith?

4. Why is the transfiguration significant?
 5. What does it mean to be the “least” to be great?
 6. What are some modern excuses we give when called to follow?
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WEEK 10: The Mission of Jesus & Our Response

Passage: Luke 10

Summaries:

1. **Sending the Seventy-Two (10:1–24):** Jesus calls and sends ordinary people for extraordinary mission.
2. **The Good Samaritan (10:25–37):** Love is action-oriented and boundary-breaking.
3. **Mary and Martha (10:38–42):** Choosing to sit at Jesus’ feet is the “one thing” that is most necessary.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does Jesus describe true mission and discipleship?
2. What lessons can we learn from the Good Samaritan?
3. How do we often act like the priest or Levite?
4. What does “loving your neighbor” look like today?
5. Why does Jesus praise Mary over Martha?
6. How can you cultivate a “Mary heart” in a “Martha world”?
7. Where is God calling you to go or serve?