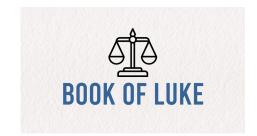


CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #1 - Luke: The Bible Starts Here



GETTING STARTED

Spend some time checking in with each other. Any highs and lows since the last time you met?

What's one book (fiction or nonfiction) that changed how you think—or that you always recommend to others? Why?

THIS WEEK'S THEME

Did you grow up with a Bible in your house? What kind of relationship did you have with it as a kid or teen?

Were you ever told how the Bible came to be? How did that shape your view of it?

Hans said: "Luke wasn't writing the Bible—he was writing a letter to a friend." How does that reshape your understanding of what you're reading when you open Luke's Gospel?

The sermon noted that many people stop reading the Bible because it gets hard to understand. What's been your biggest challenge when it comes to reading the Bible? What's been most helpful in making it come alive?

Luke tells us Jesus came for the poor, the outcast, the ordinary. Why do you think Luke emphasized these details?

How does the "orderly account" that Luke offers help you see Jesus' story differently?

What's one way you could engage the Book of Luke more intentionally during this series (e.g. daily readings, reflection, watching the videos)?

DIGGING DEEPER

Visit <u>www.calvaryalex.org/luke</u> for additional study resources during this series

TAKING IT HOME

Look at a Bible you own. Hold it. Flip through it. Ask yourself: Do I know the story of this story? Then write this simple phrase somewhere you'll see it this week: "This story is for all people—including me."

PRAY

God of all generations, thank you for the people who passed this story down to us. Thank you for Luke's courage to write it, for Theophilus' curiosity to ask for it, and for the life of Jesus that still transforms us. Help us love Your Word—not out of guilt, but out of gratitude. Amen.