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LUKE

Luke 1:1-4

How can we become the Christ-centered church our world so desperately needs? Join us in Luke's gospel, the most expansive biography of Jesus in the Bible. With the beloved physician as our guide, we hope to experience Jesus so we can participate with the new reality God is bringing into our world.

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The Big Idea

Why Luke? We're excited to dive into Luke's historically-reliable account of Jesus so we can grow as a Christ-centered church for all people.

Good to Know

- Luke is one of four gospels (biographical accounts of the good news of Jesus) but is unique in several ways.
- Luke is the only non-Jewish gospel writer. Look for the "insider tips" he gives to help gentiles understand what's going on behind the curtain.
- Luke alone contains some of Jesus' most famous parables (think, The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, The Rich Man and Lazarus).
- Luke is the longest gospel, slightly edging out Matthew for the title at 19,482 words (in Greek).
- Luke is the only gospel with a sequel (the book of Acts is Luke's "part two").
- Luke is the only gospel writer who offers a preface (Luke 1:1-4).
- In ancient religious art, Luke's gospel was often depicted as a winged ox, a symbol of Christian service and sacrifice.
- Luke was a Greek medical professional (see Col. 4:14), and like doctors today was deeply motivated to help people and (probably) took the Hippocratic Oath.
- "Theophilus" means "friend" or "lover of God." While some scholars think this is a name for all believers, many believe Theophilus was an actual historical person, perhaps a wealthy Greek follower of Jesus.

Group Guide

Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

Conversation Starters

1. What stands out to you about the way Luke begins his Gospel? What does Luke's purpose seem to be?
2. Luke mentions "many" people who have curated and compiled eyewitness accounts of all that had happened because of Jesus. Can you think of events that have spawned not just one, but "many" retellings? (think 9/11, WW2, etc.). What does the fact that lots of people were talking about Jesus say about His impact in Luke's day?
3. Luke's Gospel is written in a way that mirrors ancient history books, not mythology. For skeptics or friends who question the Bible's reliability, how might Luke's approach help answer their concerns?
4. Luke writes his Gospel so that Theophilus may have certainty about Jesus. Where would you love to grow in your certainty in your experience as a follower of Jesus?
5. Luke speaks of "servants of the Word" (eyewitnesses who faithfully told their personal stories about how Jesus changed their lives). Are there any people mentioned in the gospel who you wish you could sit with for an hour? What is your personal Jesus story?
6. What do you hope to gain from studying Luke's Gospel? As we prepare to explore the stories and teachings of Jesus, what personal or spiritual insights are you hoping to uncover?

Prayer Prompts

Lord, thank you for Luke's gospel. Help us discover Jesus together through this incredible book! Amen.

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