

## Introduction

A running theme in Luke's gospel is Jesus' compassion for Gentiles, Samaritans, women, children, tax collectors, sinners, and others often regarded as outcasts in Israel...The high profile Luke accords to women is particularly significant. From the nativity account, where Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna are given prominence (chaps. 1; 2), to the events of resurrection morning, where women again are major characters (24:1, 10), Luke emphasized the central role of women in the life and ministry of Christ. Luke, more than any of the other gospel writers, highlighted the universal scope of the gospel invitation. He portrayed Jesus as the Son of Man, rejected by Israel, and then offered to the world.

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*The MacArthur Study Bible*, p. 1472

This year we are memorizing Ephesians 2. This week's verse is Ephesians 2:7:  
"so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of His grace  
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

## Day One

*Read Luke 4; **Jesus is Tempted***

1. From last week's lesson or lecture covering beginning chapters of Luke, what did you find particularly encouraging or convicting?
  - a. According to Luke 2:29–32 and 24:46–47, for whom did Christ come to bring the good news of salvation?
  - b. How does understanding Luke's focus on bringing the gospel to all nations impact your thoughts on missions and the local church?
2. In each of the following texts, identify how Christ was tempted, and how He responded.
  - a. Luke 4:3–4
  - b. Luke 4:5–8
  - c. Luke 4:9–12
3. According to Matthew 26:41, Luke 22:40, and 1 Corinthians 10:13, how are believers to face temptation?

## Day Two

*Read Luke 7; **Women in the Gospel of Luke***

1. From Luke 7:11–17, describe the circumstances of the woman in this story, and Jesus' response to her.
  - a. What was the people's response to this miracle?

2. From Luke 7:36–50, describe the responses of Jesus and Simon to the woman who anointed Jesus' feet. (Luke's account is a different incident than the one described in Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9, and John 12:1–9.)
  - a. Find one or two verses that would be helpful to consider as you strive to respond like Christ to those with a sinful past or those who are less fortunate than you, and share those with your group.
3. According to verses 47–50, what should be the result in the life of the believer who has been forgiven much?
  - a. What do you think this would look like practically today, for the church in general and for you particularly?

## Day Three

*Read Selected Scriptures in Luke 13, 17 and 18; **Jesus Ministers to Outcasts***

1. From the following texts, briefly describe each situation, why the people in them would have been considered outcasts, Jesus' interaction with them, and their response to Him.
  - a. Luke 13:10–17
  - b. Luke 17:10–17 (See also Leviticus 13:45–46.)
  - c. Luke 18:35–43 (See also John 9:1–2.)
2. In these three scenarios of Jesus' interactions, Luke emphasized the availability of the gospel for all people. How does this deepen your understanding of those who are considered outcasts today, and what a believer's response to them should be?

## Day Four

*Read Selected Scriptures in Luke 11–12; **Practical Principles in the Parables, Part One***

**Note:** *Luke's gospel contains more parables than the other gospel accounts, eighteen of which are unique, covering a variety of topics to help believers in light of the coming judgment.*

1. From the Lord's prayer in Luke 11:1–4, identify specific attributes or characteristics of God.
  - a. What practical principles of prayer do you see in Jesus' example as He taught His disciples?
2. From the parable in Luke 11:5–13, identify additional principles about prayer.

- a. How do you desire to grow in your prayer life, and what steps will you commit to take to accomplish that?
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3. From the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:13–21, identify one or two principles for how believers should think about, and manage, material wealth.
    - a. Evaluate your own life and whether there are areas where you are laying up treasures here on earth. Are there ways you can better honor the Lord with your finances? Be specific.

## Day Five

*Read Selected Scriptures in Luke 14, 22, and 24; **Practical Principles in the Parables, Part Two***

1. In Luke 14:25–33, what was Jesus emphasizing?
  - a. Read Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 5:25, Ephesians 6:4, and Titus 2:4, and list the biblical command given in each.
  - b. How do Deuteronomy 6:5 (reiterated by Jesus in Luke 10:27) and Matthew 10:37 deepen your understanding of Luke 14:26?
  - c. From Luke 14:26, 27, and 33, describe in your own words what it looks like to be a genuine follower of Christ.
  - d. If you are not a follower of Christ, what are you not willing to surrender to follow Him?
  - e. If you are a follower of Christ, consider what that has cost you, and what it has given you. In response, write a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God for His work in your life.
2. In Luke 22:14–23, what did Jesus initiate, and what does it commemorate? (We also studied this several weeks ago in Matthew 26:26–29 and Hebrews 9:11–15.)
  - a. According to Luke 22:15–20 and Jeremiah 31:31–34, what are some key aspects of the New Covenant?

**Note:** The final verses in Luke, from 24:44–49, sweep from the beginning of revelation in Genesis to the end of redemptive history, viewing the mural of salvation from start to finish. Luke's gospel proves what it claimed in the beginning. The angel declared to Mary that the son she would bear would be the Son of God (1:35). Jesus' life, miracles, power over demons, teaching, and resurrection demonstrated that

He...would accomplish redemption for His people through the forgiveness of their sins (1:77). Jesus Christ came, suffered, died, rose again the third day, and provided that forgiveness for all who believe in Him.

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*The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Luke 18–*

*24*, p. 439–440

3. From Luke 24:44–49, what is the requirement for those who wish to enter God’s Kingdom, and to whom is it available?
4. Remembering that Luke’s gospel, the longest book in the New Testament, was the story of God’s master plan of redemption through Jesus Christ, written so that Theophilus and other readers would know the truth (Luke 1:4), what stands out to you most from your study these last two weeks, and why? What passage do you want to go back and explore further?