

The Gospel of Luke

Reading Plan for Luke

How to use this guide:

We are so excited to walk through the book of Luke together as a church.

Some days you will have just a few verses to read, and other days a whole chapter. The most important thing is to stay engaged with scripture throughout the week! If you miss a couple days, you can read what you missed or just jump back into that day's reading.

Each day will present you with a question to help you think about the passage or apply it to your life. You can just think about this or use it as a prompt to write in a journal.

Before you read the passage each day, take a moment to pray that the Holy Spirit will help you understand what you read, and that the scripture will reveal Jesus to you. (If you've never prayed before, you can simply quiet yourself and say something to God like, *"Father, I thank you for your Word. I may not understand everything I read today but I pray that through your Holy Spirit you will help me understand. Help me to know Jesus more through what I read, and help these scriptures to change the way I live. Thank you for speaking to me through the Bible. Amen."*)

Introduction:

Twenty or thirty years after Jesus had gone back to heaven, a Jewish disciple named Luke was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write a book. The finished product is what we know today as The Gospel of Luke. Luke was a real person. We know he was a doctor, and we know he joined the apostle Paul on some of his journeys establishing the early church.

Luke's gospel was written primarily for an educated, Greek-speaking audience. Luke intended to demonstrate to his audience that Jesus' Kingdom and power was greater than any earthly political system could ever hope to be.

Week	Verses to Read	Think / Write
Week 1	Luke 1	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 1:1-4	What does Luke say here to give himself credibility to his audience?
	Luke 1:5-25	In verse 18, Zechariah finds the promise from God unbelievable. Is it hard for you to believe God's promises sometimes?
	Luke 1:26-45	What do you think about Mary's response to the angel?
	Luke 1:46-56	What do Mary's words tell us about who Jesus will be?
	Luke 1:57-80	What do verses 77-79 tell us about the character of God?
Week 2	Luke 2	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 2:1-21	Which part of this story stands out to you the most?
	Luke 2:22-40	What do Simeon's and Anna's reactions teach us about faithfulness to the Lord?
	Luke 2:41-52	What do you imagine Jesus' parents felt in this story?

Week 3	Luke 3	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 3:1-20	
	Luke 3:21-22	Why do you think Jesus chose to be baptized?
	Luke 3:23-38	Do you recognize any names? Why do you think it was important for Luke to include this?
Week 4	Luke 4	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 4:1-13	What can we learn from this story about how to resist temptation?
	Luke 4:14-30	Why do you think Jesus said what he did in verses 24-27?
	Luke 4:31-37	Why do you think Luke included the detail that the demons recognized Jesus?
	Luke 4:38-44	In verse 42 – why do you think Jesus “withdrew to a solitary place”?
Week 5	Luke 5	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 5:1-11	Which part of this story stands out to you most?
	Luke 5:12-16	Under the Old Testament law, people with leprosy were considered “unclean.” What do you think is the significance of Jesus touching the man rather than just speaking over him?
	Luke 5:17-29	Can you think of a friend you can bring “before Jesus” in prayer today? Take a moment to pray for them.
	Luke 5:27-39	Why do you think Luke included the detail about Jesus spending time with sinners?
Week 6	Luke 6	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 6:1-11	What did Jesus teach here about “following the rules”?
	Luke 6:12-26	Read verses 20-23 again. How do these verses go against our normal understanding of blessing or success?
	Luke 6:27-36	What do you think Jesus’ words here look like in a practical sense in our day-to-day lives?
	Luke 6:37-42	Verses 41 and 42 are popular even today. What do they mean to you?
	Luke 6:43-49	Reflect on what is in your heart that may be bubbling to the surface. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you about areas where you are doing well or where you need to make adjustments.

Week 7	Luke 7	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 7:1-10	What do you think of the faith of the centurion's servant?
	Luke 7:11-17	In verse 12, we meet a widow whose only child has died. How might this passage encourage you when you are lonely?
	Luke 7:18-35	In verses 21-23, what evidence is given that Jesus is the Messiah?
	Luke 7:36-50	What does this story demonstrate to you about how God sees you?
Week 8	Luke 8	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 8:1-15	Consider Jesus' words in verses 11-15. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the condition of the soil of your heart.
	Luke 8:16-18	Verse 18 says, "consider carefully how you listen." How do you feel you listen to the Lord?
	Luke 8:19-21	What does this passage say to us about how Jesus sees us belonging as part of the church?
	Luke 8:22-25	What stands out to you about this story?
	Luke 8:26-39	What do you think is the significance of Jesus sending the man home in verse 39?
	Luke 8:40-56	What do Jesus' responses in this passage teach us about persistence?
Week 9	Luke 9	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	9:1-9	Why do you think Jesus told the disciples not to take anything with them?
	9:10-17	What stands out to you about this story?
	9:18-27	What is the significance of Jesus' interaction with Peter in verses 18-20?
	9:28-36	What do you know about Moses and Elijah? (You can read Moses' story in the book of Exodus and you can read about Elijah in the book of 1 Kings.)
	9:37-50	What do Jesus' actions in verses 46-48 teach us about his character?
	9:51-62	What is the significance of Jesus' words in verses 59-61? What might be the practical application of that in your life?

Week 10	Luke 10	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 10:1-12	How can you bring peace to the places where you are invited? (The story of Sodom [verse 12] can be found in Genesis 19:1-29)
	Luke 10:13-24	What do verses 18-20 tell us about our authority as believers?
	Luke 10:25-37	What stands out to you in this story?
	Luke 10:38-42	What are some things that distract you from spending time with the Lord?
Week 11	Luke 11	Take notes during the Sunday sermon and reflect on it throughout the week.
	Luke 11:1-13	What does this passage teach you about prayer?
	Luke 11:14-28	What do you think Jesus means in verses 24-26?
	Luke 11:29-36	How can we “see to it” that we are full of light rather than darkness?
	Luke 11:37-54	How do Jesus’ words in verses 39-41 apply to our lives today?
Week 12	Luke 12	
	Luke 12:1-12	Read verses 6-7 again. What do they tell you about how God sees you?
	Luke 12:13-21	(Verse 21) What does it mean to be “rich toward God”?
	Luke 12:22-34	What do you worry about? Stop for a moment and let the Lord bring peace to you in areas where you are troubled.
	Luke 12:35-48	What does verse 48 mean to you?
	Luke 12:49-59	Have you ever experienced the division Jesus mentions here?
Week 13	Luke 13	
	Luke 13:1-9	What do you think the parable in verses 6-9 means?
	Luke 13:10-17	What do you think about the religious leaders’ response in verse 14?
	Luke 13:18-21	What do you think this parable means?
	Luke 13:22--30	Who do you think this warning is for?
	Luke 13:31-35	What is the ‘goal’ Jesus speaks of in verse 32?
Week 14	Luke 14	
	Luke 14:1-14	How does this passage apply to your life or situations you find yourself in?

	Luke 14:15-24	What do you think Jesus meant by this story?
	Luke 14:25-35	How do verses 28-30 apply to your life or decisions you need to make?
Week 15	Luke 15	
	15:1-7	What stands out to you in this story?
	15:8-10	Have you ever misplaced something of great value to you? What does this tell you about how God sees you?
	15:11-32	What does this story demonstrate to you about how God feels about you?
Week 16	Luke 16	
	16:1-9	Why do you think Jesus seemed to praise dishonesty in this parable?
	16:10-18	What do verses 10-12 teach us about managing our finances?
	16:19-31	What does this demonstrate about how God views the poor?
Week 17	Luke 17	
	17:1-10	How does verse 6 encourage you?
	17:11-19	How do you thank God when he comes through for you?
	17:20-37	The story of Lot's wife can be found in Genesis 19:24-26. Why do you think Jesus mentioned this?
Week 18	Luke 18	
	18:1-8	What does this passage teach you about prayer?
	18:9-14	What does this passage teach you about prayer?
	18:15-30	What does this passage demonstrate about what Jesus values vs what we value?
	18:31-43	What does this passage teach you about prayer?
Week 19	Luke 19	
	19:1-10	How did Zacchaeus' behaviour change after he met Jesus?
	19:11-27	What stands out to you in this story?
	19:28-44	What stands out to you in this story?
	19:45-48	Why do you think the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus?
Week 20	Luke 20	

	20:1-8	Why do you think Jesus often avoided directly answering questions like this?
	20:9-26	What do you think this parable means?
	20:27-40	What does this passage tell us about our earthly vs eternal life?
	20:41-47	Who is Jesus' warning about?
Week 21	Luke 21	
	21:1-4	What does this passage tell us about giving to the church?
	21:5-19	What does Jesus say about what the Christian life might look like for some?
	21:20-33	What can our response be in difficult times?
	21:34-38	What are we reminded to do as believers?
Week 22	Luke 22	
	22:1-5	Why do you think Judas agreed to this task?
	22:6-38	What stands out to you in this story?
	22:39-46	What does this passage teach you about prayer?
	22:47-53	What do verses 50-51 tell us about seeking justice?
	22:54-62	What stands out to you in this passage?
	22:63-71	Why do you think Jesus was careful how he spoke about himself?
Week 23	Luke 23	
	23:1-25	Why is it significant that the crowd called for Barabbas to be released?
	23:26-43	What does the criminal's interaction with Jesus in verses 42-43 tell you about forgiveness?
	23:44-49	Why do you think Jesus' followers watched from a distance?
	23:50-56	What stands out to you in this passage?
Week 24	Luke 24	
	24:1-12	Why do you think Jesus first appeared to women?
	24:13-35	When did the disciples realize who Jesus was?
	24:36-49	Why do you think Luke included details about Jesus' physical body, including that he ate a meal?
	24:50-53	What was the disciples' response as they left the place of Jesus' ascension?

