

Luke Study Lesson 4

Icebreaker Question: Can you think of an event, a place, or a time when you felt astonished (extreme surprising, amazing, stunned by awe or admiration... usually a positive) in your life?

Give a time when you were not sure if something would happen though you wanted it very much...but it did!!

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It would seem this centurion (this Gentile) did not feel “entitled” or deserving of any special favors from Jesus. **Do you ever feel that...If I do ____, then Jesus will do _____. Do we get upset and even angry when our prayers are not answered in the way or time we think it should happen?**

Do we see Jesus as THE authority in our lives or someone we go to when we need something?

***Authority is: the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience. Let’s watch for this authority that Jesus shows in this lesson. 1. Jesus has authority over ____ 2. Jesus has authority over ____**

Page 55-56 It is not unusual for great spiritual leaders to have their days of doubt and uncertainty. Moses was ready to quit on one occasion (Num. 11:10–15), and so were Elijah (1 Kings 19) and Jeremiah (Jer. 20:7–9, 14–18), and even Paul knew the meaning of despair (2 Cor. 1:8–9). There is a difference between doubt and unbelief. **Doubt is a matter of the mind: We cannot understand what God is doing or why He is doing it. Unbelief is a matter of the will: We refuse to believe God’s Word and obey what He tells us to do.** “Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong,” said Oswald Chambers. “It may be a sign that he is thinking.” In John’s case, his inquiry was not born of wilful unbelief, but of doubt nourished by physical and emotional strain. You and I can look back at the ministry of Christ and understand what He was doing, but John did not have that advantage. John had announced judgment, but Jesus was doing deeds of love and mercy. John had promised that the kingdom was at hand, but there was no evidence of it so far. He had presented Jesus as “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29), so John must have understood something about Jesus’ sacrifice, yet how did this sacrifice relate to the promised kingdom for Israel? He was perplexed about God’s plan and his place in it. But let’s not judge him harshly, for even the prophets were perplexed about some of these things (1 Peter 1:10–12). Warren Wiersbe

Let’s not celebrate doubts and allow them to loiter in our hearts—but let’s not be afraid of them either. John the Baptist was bold enough to dispatch his disciples to pose a pointed, doubt-filled question to the second person of the Trinity. His question is an example of someone who took the fight to his doubt instead of allowing it to quietly linger and consume him. Shelby Abbot <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/john-baptist-doubt>

If it is common to have doubts, how do you settle them? What truths do you speak to yourself? Or do you have someone you can speak them to and talk them over?

3. Jesus has authority over _____

Page 56-57 How did the woman know that her sins were forgiven? Jesus told her. How do we know today that we have been forgiven? God tells us so in His Word. Here are just a few verses to consider: Isaiah 1:18; 43:25–26; 55:6–7; Acts 13:38–39; Romans 4:7–8; Ephesians 4:32; and Hebrews 8:12. Once you understand the meaning of God’s grace, you have no trouble receiving His free and full forgiveness and rejoicing in it.

How was this woman saved? She repented of her sins and put her faith in Jesus Christ. How did she know she was truly forgiven? She had the assurance of His word. What was the proof of her salvation? Her love for Christ expressed in sacrificial devotion to Him. For the first time in her life, she had peace with God (Luke 7:50). Literally it reads, “Go into peace,” for she had moved out of the sphere of enmity toward God and was now enjoying peace with God (Rom. 5:1; 8:7–8). Wierbe

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Pages 58-59 The proof of salvation is fruit and not merely hearing the Word or making a profession of faith in Christ. Jesus had already made that clear in His “Sermon on the Mount” (Luke 6:43–49; also note Matt. 7:20).

Not everybody produces the same amount of fruit (Matt. 13:8), but all true believers will produce some fruit as evidence of spiritual life. **It is one thing to learn a new spiritual truth, but quite something else to practice that truth in the everyday experiences of life.** Satan does not care how much Bible truth we learn so long as we do not live it. Truth that is only in the head is purely academic and never will get into the heart until it is practiced by the will. “Doing the will of God from the heart” is what God wants from His children (Eph. 6:6). Satan knows that academic truth is not dangerous, **but active truth is.** Weirsbe

6. Jesus has authority over _____

Pages 60 I love this story so much.... Tell it to a child in the next few days... especially the part about Jesus scolding the disciples. **When has Jesus scolded you through reading scripture or hearing a sermon?**

The disciples failed this test of faith because they did not lay hold of His word that He was going to the other side. It has well been said **that faith is not believing in spite of circumstances; it is obeying in spite of feelings and consequences.** The disciples looked around and saw danger, and looked within and saw fear, but they failed to look up by faith and see God. Faith and fear cannot dwell together in the same heart. Wiersbe

A woman said to D. L. Moody, "I have found a wonderful promise!" and she quoted Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." "Let me give you a better one," said Moody; and he quoted Isaiah 12:2: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid."

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Page 61 Demons have faith (James 2:19), but it is not saving faith. They believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God with authority to command them. They believe in a future judgment (Matt. 8:29) and in the existence of a place of torment to which Jesus could send them ("the Abyss," Luke 8:31 NIV). They also believe in prayer, for the demons begged Jesus not to send them to the abyss. They asked to be sent into the pigs, and Jesus granted their request.

Jesus did not want Jews who had been healed to say too much about it, but it was safe for the Gentiles to tell others what Jesus had done for them, and that is what he did. Wiersbe <https://www.gotquestions.org/do-not-tell.html>

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Page 61-62 Why did the Lord ask her to give witness publicly? Was this not an embarrassment to her? Not in the least. To begin with, this public confession was for her sake. It was an opportunity for her to confess Christ and glorify God. Had she stolen away in the crowd, she would not have met Jesus personally or heard His words of assurance and comfort (Luke 8:48). But her confession was also an encouragement to Jairus, who would soon hear that his daughter had died. (Perhaps he wanted to blame the woman for the delay!) The woman's twelve years of trial were ended, and the same Christ who helped her would help Jairus. She was a testimony to the power of faith. True, she did not exercise "great faith," but Christ honored it and healed her body. Finally, her witness was a rebuke to the multitude. **You can be a part of the crowd and never get any blessing from being near Jesus! It is one thing to "press Him" and another thing to "touch Him" by faith. We may not have strong faith, but we do have a strong Savior, and He responds even to a touch at the hem of His garment.** Wiersbe

Describe what it means to be a Daughter of Lord Jesus Christ!!

9. Jesus has authority over _____

Answers... feel free to other answers as well

1. sickness, people placed in authority positions 2. Death 3. Prophets, doubts 4. Who comes to Him and is saved. 5. Who serves Him 6. Who understands Him –parables and who truly comes to saving faith and bears fruit 7. The wind... all elements of nature 8. Demons 9. Who is healed and when

What is the kingdom of God?" Luke 7

Broadly speaking, the kingdom of God is the rule of an eternal, sovereign God over all the universe. Several passages of Scripture show that God is the undeniable Monarch of all creation: "The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all" (Psalm 103:19). And, as King Nebuchadnezzar declared, "His kingdom is an eternal kingdom" (Daniel 4:3). Every authority that exists has been established by God (Romans 13:1). So, in one sense, the kingdom of God incorporates everything that is.

More narrowly, the kingdom of God is a spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who willingly submit to God's authority. Those who defy God's authority and refuse to submit to Him are not part of the kingdom of God; in contrast, those who acknowledge the lordship of Christ and gladly surrender to God's rule in their hearts are part of the kingdom of God. In this sense, the kingdom of God is spiritual—Jesus said His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36), and He preached that repentance is necessary to be a part of the kingdom of God (Matthew 4:17). That the kingdom of God can be equated with the sphere of salvation is evident in John 3:5–7, where Jesus says the kingdom of God must be entered into by being born again. See also 1 Corinthians 6:9. <https://www.gotquestions.org/kingdom-of-God.html>