

Luke Study Lesson 5

Icebreaker: Expectations are **how we hope or anticipate life will be**. They encompass all areas of our lives—our work, our relationships, the way our life will unfold.

Have you had your “expectations” of something (a trip, vacation/holiday, concert, day, job, person, new...outfit, appliance, house,) go the way you wanted or have you been disappointed? Or What has been the best ___from the above examples you have ever had?

1. Pages 65-66 John MacArthur mentions that this would be the last chance for Galilee. They had rejected Jesus and His teaching and the disciples were to “blanket” the area one more time. They were given Jesus’ authority and power to prove that He had sent them out. They were to proclaim salvation –to repent and come to God to save them and to show compassion through the divine power to raise the dead, heal disease and to remove demons.

What is the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached? Jesus did not engage Himself in anything but preaching the kingdom of God. That is, that God is King, He has a kingdom, you can enter that kingdom by repentance and faith, not by works and not by self-righteousness. That that kingdom is available, that God will forgive all your sins if you come to Him and ask based upon the provision He will make through the death and resurrection of His Son. It's the gospel message J. MacArthur

2. Mark 6:14-29 tells the full story of Herod and John the Baptist

3. Page 67 Disciples must have come back so excited about what they were able to do on this evangelistic outreach. How soon they forget...the second question is a great one to spend time on. It is believed that many of the people were on their way to Jerusalem for Passover. **See John 6:1-59 when Jesus discusses that He is the bread of life.**

4. Pages 67-68 Luke skipped numerous events to get to this event (Mark 6:45-8:26)

The disciples have been with Jesus for 2 ½ years by now. Compare the Luke passage with Matt. 16:13-20

You don't know this kind of truth unless it's been revealed to you by God. The reality of spiritual knowledge is it's not available to flesh and blood. "The world by wisdom knew not God." "Flesh and blood can't know who Jesus is. That's why these people who attempt to know who Jesus is, who are doing it in their human wisdom rather than accepting the revelation of God, can't find out. The disciples believed the revelation of God. They believed the disclosure of God. They believed what Jesus said and what He claimed. They believed what heaven revealed. Because of that, God opened their hearts to receive the truth. He still does that. Matthew 11:27, "No one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." **This is the great mystery of conversion. You're called upon to believe. You can't believe unless God awakens your heart to believe. But in the marvelous conflux of those two great spiritual realities, the power of God works upon a sinner to bring that sinner to believe and at the same time God awakens the sinner so that that becomes a saving and life-giving faith.** J. MacArthur

5. Pages 68-69

The *Dictionary of Bible Themes* defines *self-denial* as “the willingness to deny oneself possessions or status, in order to grow in holiness and commitment to God.” The words Jesus used in the original language for “deny yourself” were strong terms similar in meaning to Paul’s wording in [Philippians 3:7–8](#): “But whatever gain I had, I **counted as loss** for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (ESV, emphasis added). The purpose of self-denial—counting as “loss” all earthly gains—is to become more like Jesus in holiness and obedience to God. <https://www.gotquestions.org/deny-yourself.html>

6. Pages 69-70

For one thing, our Lord’s prediction shows us that **His death upon the cross was the voluntary act of His own free will**. He was not delivered up to Pilate and crucified because He could not help it and had no power to crush His enemies. He had undertaken to suffer for man’s sin – the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. He had engaged to bear our sins as our Substitute and Surety –

and He bore them willingly in His own person on the cruel tree. He saw Calvary and the cross before Him all the days of His ministry. He went up to them willingly, knowingly, and with full consent that He might pay our sin-debts in His own blood. His death was not the death of a mere weak man who could not escape, but the death of One who was fully God and had undertaken to be punished in our stead.. J.C. Ryle

God Spoke.... Isaiah 42:1 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice

2 Peter 1:17-18 ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

7. Pages 70-71

Extra idea... if time. What about those we don't agree with ... where do we take a stand?

What then ought we to do? We must leave alone those who do not agree with us and wait quietly until God shall think fit to bring us together. Whatever we may think of our divisions, the words of our Lord must never be forgotten: “Do not hinder [them].” The plain truth is that we are all too ready to say, “[We] are the people, and with [us] wisdom will die!” (Job 12:2). We forget that no individual church on earth has an absolute monopoly on all wisdom, and that people may be right in the essential points without agreeing with us. We must learn to be thankful if sin is opposed, and the gospel preached, and the devil's kingdom pulled down – though the work may not be done exactly in the way we like. **We must try to believe that men may be truehearted followers of Jesus Christ and yet for some wise reason may be kept back from seeing all things in religion just as we do.** J.C. Ryle

If you would like to do further study... When should you leave a church if you disagree? Gavin Orland's book... “Finding the Right Hills to Die On” (on Hoopla) Tim Challies summary of book <https://www.challies.com/book-reviews/finding-the-right-hills-to-die-on/> great summary of the four levels of agreement/disagreement

<https://www.truthforlife.org/resources/sermon/the-disciples-discipline> vintage Begg!!

8. Pages 71-72

I love this passage on how Jesus humbled Himself. Philippians 2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lydia Brownback says:

What sort of Messiah were people looking for back then? The majority didn't want to think in terms of sin. They simply wanted comfort and deliverance from the oppressive power of Rome. That's all they really wanted in a messiah. So what about people today--about us? Do we want Jesus as He is presented in Scripture, or do we just want a “hero” to come deliver us from all our earthly problems?

