

Women's Study 2022 Luke

Welcome back to Bible Study!!! It is so good to be back in fellowship with each other around God's Word. I am sure most of us have read through Luke-a few times even. However, this will be a good time to slow down and see what particular truths God would have us learn. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and as we pray and allow Him to lead us, we will grow in our faith. Lydia says "Luke shows us that we can believe in Jesus and entrust Him with our very lives. And Jesus is worthy of our trust, as we will see. The better we know Him, the longer we walk with Him, the more trusting and joy-filled we'll be.

The study will be 10 weeks and will conclude in May. I trust that we will progress, be diligent in our study and see the fruit of our time spent. There will be times when sickness-ours or others, trials and distractions will come our way. However, keep on keeping on and we will see the fruit God has for us.

Icebreaker question? What did you do this past Christmas that you especially enjoyed and would like to do next year or what did you do that you didn't really enjoy and won't do next year???

Introduction:

Spend some time just looking over pages 13-15 and discuss anything that stands out to you about the book of Luke. **Since Luke was not an apostle or eye-witness, who were his sources?**

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. Again and again he showed how the Great Physician ministered to those most aware of their need. The high profile Luke accords to women is particularly significant. From the nativity account, where Mary, Elizabeth, and Anna are given prominence (chs. 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 our Lord (e.g., 7:12-15, 37-50; 8:2-3, 43-48; 10:38-42; 13:11-13; 21:2-4; 23:27-29, 49, 55-56). John MacArthur

Chapter 1

Page 20- see the providence of God in that very few of the priests cast the "lot" to go into the Holy of Holies.

Page 22- "Nothing is impossible with God" - easy verse to memorize ☺ "I am the servant of the Lord"...may that be our prayer as well. Ephesians 2:1-10. **When do you find it hardest to believe that God can do what He says He will do? What would it look like to respond in a Mary-like way in those moments.**

Page 23- **Imagine the two women-so different in age and the conversations they must have had. What other women have "suffered" through infertility in the Bible and how was God's timing so important? Why were these "miracle" births so important?**

Mary mentions covenant with Abraham If you wish to know more about covenants, this will get you started.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-covenants.html>

Perhaps it would be good to read out loud Mary's "Magnificat" ...glorious words from this young woman.

Page 24- again we see the providence of God through the Romans to get Joseph to go to Bethlehem. (about 113 km away)

Page 28- Simeon's prophecy that All peoples would know God (Revelation 7: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Page 28-Question 7

When boys were 12, they were often brought to Jerusalem to begin their time of "Bar Mitzvah-son of commandment-at age 13). **What do you notice how Jesus acted with the learned ones in the temple?**

In a life that spanned three decades, our Lord never entertained a thought, never uttered a word, and never carried out an action that was defiled by impure motives. He always honored His Father in heaven, always honored His earthly father and mother, never lusted, never uttered a word in sinful anger, never gossiped about or slandered His neighbor. He never stole, never lied, and never coveted. In short, He submitted to every commandment of the law of God without wavering. He loved the Lord with all His heart, soul, mind and strength, and He loved His neighbor as Himself. The Scriptures bear manifold witness to this truth, and it is one of the most profitable truths upon which we ought to meditate. Nicholas T. Batzig

Deut 5:32 You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.³³ You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess. (Deuteronomy 5:32, ESV)

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/significance-sinlessness-jesus>

*****We need to know and understand that Jesus was sinless His whole life. It was the only way He could be the “perfect lamb of God”**

Here are four translations of Luke 2:51-52. Any insights as to Mary’s heart and Jesus? What do we **treasure** is a thoughtful question to ask ourselves?

Luke 2:51-52

New Living Translation⁵¹ Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

Amplified Bible⁵¹ He went down to Nazareth with them, and was continually submissive *and* obedient to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and men.

The Message ⁵¹⁻⁵² So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

J.B. Phillips New Testament⁵⁰⁻⁵² But they did not understand his reply. Then he went home with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them. And his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And as Jesus continued to grow in body and mind, he grew also in the love of God and of those who knew him.

Here are a couple other sites if you are interested in Jesus’ childhood and “When did Jesus know?”

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-childhood.html> <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-know.html>



Sculpture of Anna holding Baby Jesus by Sam Jinks