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AN 8 WEEK STUDY IN LUKE'S GOSPEL: CHAPTERS 9 - 16

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WEEK ONE

Day One | Luke 9:1-17

Why do you think Jesus sent them out without supplies or resources?

What truth is revealed about Jesus in the feeding of the 5,000?

Is your biggest challenge right now a lack of faith or a lack of resources? Why?

Day Two | Luke 9:18-27

Who do you say that Jesus is? Why?

What does it look like for you to deny yourself, take up your cross daily & follow Him?

Which of these statements that Jesus makes do you find most difficult or challenging?

Day Three | Luke 9:28-36

How would you have felt if you had been there for the Transfiguration?

What insight does this account give you about life after death? How do you think they recognized Moses & Elijah? Where did they come from and to where were they returning?

What are you most looking forward to after you die? Do you fear death?

Day Four | Luke 9:37-50

Why do you think Jesus answered the man the way that He did?

How important are status and recognition to you? What does it mean to receive a child in the name of Jesus? How do you apply these words from Jesus: “The one who is not against you is for you?”

Day Five | Luke 9:51-62

Why did Jesus rebuke James & John? Have you ever wanted to call down fire from heaven on someone? Why was Jesus unwilling to let the man go & bury his father? What would that have involved? What is Jesus communicating about the cost of following Him? What have you given up or left behind in order to follow Jesus?

Group Question: What do you believe is the most important thing that God wants you to do or to focus on in this season of your life?

PRAYER: Reflection & Response

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WEEK TWO

Day One | Luke 10:1-12

Jesus began ministry on His own, then He sent out the 12 and now He sends out 72. What could this sort of multiplication look like in your life or in our church? What would it look like for more laborers to be sent out into the harvest? How is Jesus calling you to be a part of bringing in the harvest today?

Day Two | Luke 10:13-20

Why would those cities be judged harshly?
Why is having your name written in heaven greater than having power over demons?
How confident are you that your name is written in heaven?

Day Three | Luke 10:21-24

Who are the little children to whom these things are revealed?
How does knowledge of Jesus and His Kingdom bring you joy?
Do you think we have more or less reason for rejoicing than the disciples did at that time? Why?

Day Four | Luke 10:25-37

What does it look like to love the Lord with all of your heart, mind, strength & soul?

Is it harder to truly love God or truly love your neighbor? Why?

How would you apply the lessons of the Good Samaritan to your own life and situation?

Who specifically is God calling you to love like a neighbor at this time?

Day Five | Luke 10:38-42

Do you relate more to Mary or Martha? Which personality is more like yours?

Can you think of a time that you got frustrated with someone who wasn't like you?

What things are you anxious and troubled with this week? What would it look like to release them to Jesus?

Group Question: What area of your character is God challenging you to address at this time? What would progress in that area look like?

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Day One | Luke 11:1-13

Which statement from this prayer stands out the most to you today?

What is the point of the story that Jesus tells about the midnight visitor?

How bold are you in your prayers to God? What keeps you from greater boldness and expectation when you pray?

Day Two | Luke 11:14-26

Why did the crowd think that Jesus was using dark powers to cast out demons?

Do you believe that demons are still active in the world today?

How should we act in response to the warning about the return of the demon?

Day Three | Luke 11:27-32

Have you experienced blessings in your life from hearing the word & keeping it?

How are Jesus and Jonah similar? Why do you think Jesus pointed out this connection?

Do you think we are more or less accountable than the people who saw Jesus in person and were alive during His earthly ministry? Why?

Day Four | Luke 11:33-36

What makes our eyes healthy (light) or bad (dark)?

What are the things in your life today that could hinder your light? What can you do about them? How can the light in you be used to help others?

Day Five | Luke 11:37-54

How do these words about making the inside clean convict you? Are there areas where your external life looks good but you know that inside you need to do some work? Is Jesus failing to love His enemies by calling them out like this? Why or why not? Does this passage impact the way that you think about tithing? How so?

Group Question: What relationship outside of church are you cultivating so that you can share Gospel truth with that person? How can we pray for that?

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Day One | Luke 12:1-12

Has the hypocrisy of others ever had a negative impact on your faith?

How does it feel to know that God knows how many hairs are on your head?

Can you describe a time when you had to stand up for your faith in Jesus?

What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?

Day Two | Luke 12:13-21

In what area of your life is covetousness or materialism the biggest temptation?

In your own words, what is the meaning and point of this parable?

If you knew you had a year to live, how would you invest your resources differently?

Day Three | Luke 12:22-34

What are some of the ways that you have seen God provide for you in the past?

In your own words, what is the main point that Jesus is making here?

Why is it difficult for most of us to trust God to provide?

Day Four | Luke 12:35-48

What things would you change if you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow?

What does it look like for us to be prepared for the return of Jesus? How do you know if you will be found ready when He comes back?

Do you feel like you have been given much? What is expected of you?

Day Five | Luke 12:49-59

Did Jesus come to bring peace or division? Explain your answer.

What things do you see happening in the world around us that could indicate that Jesus will be returning soon? Is there a situation in your life in which you need to use Godly wisdom to correct it or make it right? What is the next step you need to take?

Group Question: What is the most important step of obedience that God wants you to take right now? How can our group pray for and support you with that?

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WEEK FIVE

Day One | Luke 13:1-9

What is the relationship between God's judgment and things like accidents or illnesses? In your own words, what is the point that Jesus is making?

What is the purpose of the parable about the fig tree & the manure? Are there areas of your life where you feel you should be bearing more fruit?

Day Two | Luke 13:10-17

Do you believe these same types of miracles can happen today or were they restricted to the time of Jesus and the Apostles? How does your understanding of the purpose of the Sabbath impact the way that you think about Jesus healing on the Sabbath? What types of healing are you currently praying about for yourself or others?

Day Three | Luke 13:18-21

What does the parable of the mustard seed teach us about the Kingdom of God?

How is the Kingdom of God like leaven in bread? What is the greatest opportunity that you have to help spread the Kingdom of God this week?

Day Four | Luke 13:22-30

Do you struggle with this teaching that the door to the Kingdom is narrow?

Why do you think the Master will say “I do not know where you come from”?

How does Jesus demonstrate the inclusive & exclusive nature of the Kingdom in this teaching? Are you confident that you have entered into the Kingdom?

Day Five | Luke 13:31-35

Do you think the Pharisees were actually trying to help Jesus escape from Herod?

What would you say to someone who said “Jesus was the unfortunate victim of His own popularity and the jealousy of others. He never intended to die on the cross.”?

Do you think Jesus loved Jerusalem? Why or why not?

Group Question: Who is at the top of your prayer list for salvation or for repentance and turning back to Jesus?

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WEEK SIX

Day One | Luke 14:1-6

Where did this miracle take place? How did that impact their reaction?

Why do you think Jesus continually performed miracles on the Sabbath?

Why was observance of the Sabbath such a recurring source of conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees? What do you think they were truly concerned about?

Day Two | Luke 14:7-11

If you were retelling this lesson to a modern audience, what example would you use?

Why does God honor humility? Is there a practical way that you could choose to take the "lower place" in a situation that you're currently experiencing? What would that look like?

Day Three | Luke 14:12-24

Why does Jesus place such value on helping those who can't repay you?

Who do you think is represented by each of the types of people in this parable?

Can you think of any place where God is inviting you to join Him & you are making excuses for why you can't do it?

Day Four | Luke 14:25-33

Contrast these words from Jesus with the common message today that Jesus died so that you could prosper. What is the fundamental difference between these views? How aware are you of the cost of following Jesus? What hardship or difficulty would make you abandon your faith in Jesus?

Day Five | Luke 14:34-35

What are the qualities of “salt”? Are those same qualities a good description of your influence on the world around you? What things in your life can cause your salt to start to lose its taste? What boundaries or actions are needed to preserve your saltiness?

Group Question: Do you feel defeated in any part of your life? How might Jesus bring you freedom from that feeling?

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WEEK SEVEN

Day One | Luke 15:1-7

Why do you think that sinners & tax collectors were drawn to Jesus?

Who are the "lost sheep" in your life that God is calling you to pursue?

What type of person would you struggle to sit beside in church this Sunday? How has God worked in your heart to increase your love for those who are different than you?

Day Two | Luke 15:8-10

In what way is an unsaved person like the lost coin in the parable?

What is the most valuable thing that you have ever lost? How have you experienced God pursuing you and seeking you out?

Day Three | Luke 15:11-16

How do you think the father felt when the son made this request?

Describe a time in your life when you were running from God.

What ultimately made you repent and turn back to Him?

Day Four | Luke 15:17-24

What surprises you about the father's response?

Why do you think he so eagerly accepted his son when he returned?

How does this story make you feel?

Day Five | Luke 15:25-32

Why was the older brother angry? Do you empathize with him?

What did the older brother think about his father? How would you describe the relationship that he had with his father? Where do you see yourself in this story? Who do you relate to the most? What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us with this parable?

Group Question: What habit, practice or activity is the most helpful in connecting you to Jesus in a real way? How could you do more of that?

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WEEK EIGHT

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What does it mean to be shrewd?

Why is that quality commended in this parable?

In what practical way could you apply this to your own life?

Day Two | Luke 16:10-13

How faithful would you say you have been in dealing with wealth?

What are the true riches? How do you see serving God & serving money operating in opposition to one another in your own life?

Day Three | Luke 16:14-18

In what ways are you tempted to justify yourself in the sight of others?

What does this statement about the law mean? What relationship does Jesus have to the law? What is your understanding of divorce in the Bible? How do other passages on divorce relate to this statement from Jesus?

Day Four | Luke 16:19-26

In what ways has God blessed you or allowed you to prosper?

What responsibility do we have to care for those around us?

If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity?

Day Five | Luke 16:27-31

In what way has God shown you His truth and demonstrated His power?

What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate with this story? What is the main point in your own words? Do you think that people who won't listen to the Bible would listen if God revealed Himself in a supernatural way? Why or why not?

Group Question: What is the greatest temptation that you are facing in this season of your life? How well are you resisting it? Do you have someone to keep you accountable?

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