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AN EIGHT WEEK STUDY ON LUKE'S GOSPEL:
CHAPTERS 17 - 24

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WEEK ONE

Day One | Luke 17:1-4

What people or situations in your life tend to draw you into temptation?

What do you do to protect yourself in those situations?

Why is rebuking sin important? What are the right & wrong ways to go about it?

Day Two | Luke 17:5-6

Why did the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith?

Should our focus be on the amount of faith we have or where we place it? Why?

What other things or people do you tend to put your faith in other than God?

Day Three | Luke 17:7-10

Why is humility so important in serving?

Do you tend to serve out of gratitude for what God has done for you? Why or why not?

In what areas is God calling you to serve today?

Day Four | Luke 17:11-19

Can you remember a time when you acted on what God said even before you saw evidence of Him working? How do you respond when God blesses your life? Does this story of the lepers convict you of areas where you have not shown gratitude to God?

Day Five | Luke 17:20-37

Luke 17:28 refers to the “days of Lot.” Read Genesis 19:1-28. What parallels do you see between this scripture passage in Genesis and our current state of the world today? In what ways can we prepare for the coming of the Lord? We don’t know when Jesus will return. What is keeping you from putting your faith in Jesus for your salvation?

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 18:1-8

What is Jesus telling us about prayer?

How does this speak to you about your own prayer life?

What comparison is Jesus making with this parable?

Day Two | Luke 18:9-17

What type of stance should we take when coming to God in prayer?

Which of the two do you find yourself relating to when you pray?

What is the connection between the child and the tax collector in these verses?

Day Three | Luke 18:18-30

What was the biggest thing the rich ruler ultimately lacked?

How does this affect every area of our faith and walk with Christ?

Is there anything that hinders you from a full devotion to Christ? What can you do this week to put those things in their proper place so that Jesus is primary?

Day Four | Luke 18:31-34

Why do you think the disciples struggle to understand what Jesus was saying?

Where do you find your view of Jesus to be different from who He reveals Himself to be in the Bible? Are there areas of your life in which you struggle to believe what Jesus says in scripture?

Day Five | Luke 18:35-43

What are the ways Jesus respects and commends the beggar?

Who was really blind in this story? Which blindness was more significant?

What is the formula to cure this “blindness” in our lives?

What areas in your life can you pray that Jesus would give you “sight”?

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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WEEK THREE

Day One | Luke 19:1-10

What is it about Zaccheus that brought him salvation?

How did Jesus respond to Zaccheus? Is that how you would expect a religious leader to respond? Why? How does this make you feel in terms of how God sees you?

Day Two | Luke 19:11-27

What is your first response after reading this parable?

What is Jesus calling us to do with what He has given us?

What has the Lord given you to steward well?

Where do you see yourself in this parable?

Day Three | Luke 19:28-40

Why was there so much joy in this triumphal entry of Jesus?

Have you ever experienced the joy of seeing Jesus fulfill His promises in your life?

Why were the Pharisees upset? Why do they lack this joy?

Day Four | Luke 19:41-44

Why do you think Jesus is sad here? How does this make you feel about God seeing Jesus' sadness? Are there ways in which you need to be more present and emotionally connected in your daily life? Is there something that you failed to grieve over because you didn't feel like it was ok to cry? Does this story about Jesus change your perspective on that?

Day Five | Luke 19:45-48

Why is Jesus so concerned for His house? What does He call His house and what does that mean for how we should think about it today? How does Jesus' zeal for His house compare with the Pharisees and leaders? Do you think it was wrong for Jesus to react in this way? Why or why not?

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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WEEK FOUR

Day One | Luke 20:1-8

What was unique about how Jesus responded to their question? What did Jesus' response reveal about their hearts? How would the correct answer to Jesus' question answer their question? Are there areas where you struggle to accept Jesus' authority?

Day Two | Luke 20:9-18

What is Jesus revealing to the crowd in this parable?
How do you see yourself in light of what Jesus is saying here?
Can you think of a time in your life where you've rejected Jesus?

Day Three | Luke 20:19-26

Using this scripture as an example, what do you think is the biggest problem Jesus has with the religious leaders of that time? What are the things that belong to God? What areas in your life should rightfully be given to God? What does this passage teach us about engaging with our civil government as Christians?

Day Four | Luke 20:27-40

What do you think the motivation is behind these questions to Jesus?

What does this say about how the human heart works in relation to God?

What is unique about how Jesus responds to their questions? How does this impact the way that you think about our relationships to each other in eternity?

Day Five | Luke 20:41-47

What is Jesus revealing about the relationship between the Christ and King David?

How does Jesus get to the heart of the overall problem in this chapter with his statement in v.45-47? Do you see any of these tendencies in your own heart towards Jesus as Lord?

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 21:1-4

What are your thoughts on being generous? How does this compare to what Jesus is saying in this passage? What can you ask the Spirit to reveal about areas in which you struggle with generosity?

Day Two | Luke 21:5-19

What is Jesus telling us our focus should be here?
How do you feel about being persecuted for Jesus' sake?
How does it make you feel that Jesus gives us confidence during these times?

Day Three | Luke 21:20-24

Where do you tend to put your confidence in times of suffering in your life?
How does Jesus' words here give you comfort? What do you think is meant by the "times of the Gentiles"? Do you believe we continue to live in those times?

Day Four | Luke 21:25-33

What is the hope we have in difficult times like this? What should our main focus be instead of knowing the exact time when all of these things will take place? If you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow, what would you do differently? How do you maintain a balance between being aware of end times signs and being overly focused on them?

Day Five | Luke 21:34-38

How are we able to stand in front of the Son of Man? How well do you feel you're following His commands? If you stood before Him now, what gives you confidence that you would be accepted into His kingdom?

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 22:1-13

Why do you think Judas was eager to betray Jesus? What stands out to you about the way that the disciples located the place where they would have their Passover meal?

Describe a time when God provided for you in an unexpected way.

Day Two | Luke 22:14-23

What is the connection between remembrance of Passover and Jesus' death?

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him?

When you take the Lord's Supper, what does it mean to you?

Day Three | Luke 22:24-38

What is the difference between the priorities of the disciples in that moment vs. Jesus' priorities? How does Jesus' life and what's about to happen display this in v.24-27?

Who is Peter trusting more than Jesus in His life right now? How is God calling you to serve others? How can you cultivate the attitude that Jesus describes in this passage?

Day Four | Luke 22:39-53

Why does Luke mention Jesus praying and prayer so frequently in this passage?

What does Jesus mean in v.42 when He asks the Father to remove the cup?

Why does Jesus tell His disciples to not attack the crowd? Is there an area of your life in which you need to accept God's will rather than trying to obtain your own will?

Day Five | Luke 22:54-71

Read Matthew 16:13-20. What do both of these stories tell you about Peter?

Why does Jesus tell the chief priests and scribes they would not believe what He said?

What does it mean for Jesus to be seated at the right hand of the power of God?

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 23:1-16

Can you describe a time when you were falsely accused? How did you respond?
How can we know the difference between someone who is intrigued by Jesus, like Herod was, and someone who is pursuing Jesus with genuine faith?
Why is there power in mocking someone? What does it accomplish?

Day Two | Luke 23:18-25

What had greater power in this moment...the truth or the will of the crowd? Do you see echoes of this in our culture today? What reflection of Gospel truth do you see in the connection between Jesus and Barabbas?

Day Three | Luke 23:26-43

What stands out to you the most as you read the account of the crucifixion?
How has the example & power of the forgiveness that Jesus offers impacted your willingness to forgive others? Do you think it was fair that Jesus forgave the condemned criminal and promised him paradise? Why or why not?

Day Four | Luke 23:44-49

What is the significance of the darkness that came over the land?

Why was the curtain in the temple torn in two? What would that mean?

Do you feel that you bare any responsibility for the death of Jesus? Why or why not?

Day Five | Luke 23:50-56

Do you think of Joseph as bold for asking for the body, or fearful for not stepping up in defense of Jesus sooner? If you had been there at that time, what would you have thought & felt? Have you ever felt deep sorrow and hopelessness? What brought you through it?

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

Day One | Luke 24:1-12

Why do you think His followers failed to believe His predictions of His death and resurrection? Why didn't the disciples believe the things that the women told them? What part of the Bible do you find most difficult to believe? Why?

Day Two | Luke 24:13-27

Why did these travelers acknowledge Jesus as a prophet but not as the Son of God? Can you describe a time when God really revealed Himself to you in a profound way? What are some of the things from scripture that Jesus might have interpreted for them?

Day Three | Luke 24:28-35

Can you describe a time when your heart burned within you as you worshiped, prayed, listened to a message or read God's word? What is God revealing to you about Himself in this season of your life? Why was Jesus revealed when He broke bread with them?

Day Four | Luke 24:36-43

Why do you think they felt fear & doubt as they stood face to face with Jesus?

Why is it significant that Jesus had a physical body and wasn't a spirit?

How has Jesus been patient with you as He has revealed Himself to you?

Day Five | Luke 24:44-53

How are you a part of proclaiming repentance for the forgiveness of sins to all nations?

What is the promise that Jesus is referring to?

Does this Gospel of Luke bring you joy? Who do you know that needs the joy that Jesus offers?

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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