



FOLLOW HIM

A Study Guide for the Gospel of Luke

Luke wants us to know the greatest person who ever lived.

He is God.

He is man.

This gospel gives us a detailed history of Jesus, that our lives might never be the same.

Luke is just telling it the way it is. Jesus' actions will comfort you, shock you, convict you, and ultimately draw you to Himself, to follow Him.

Let your guard down, shake off your presuppositions, and get ready to meet our God, who came and lived among us, that we might find life in Him and give our whole lives over to Him.

The call to discipleship is worth it. Jesus' challenge to care for the poor and provide for the needy is overt. His love for kids, women, outcasts, the elite... everyone, is unexpected.

Sometimes His love is angry and pointed, sometimes it's tender and beckoning.

Come and see the greatest man who ever lived; who died to forgive you and resurrected to embrace you.

Come and follow Him.

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of scripture. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. .

Luke is a gospel narrative, sharing the good news in the story of Jesus' life. It is helpful to place yourself into the story. Start with the 'antagonists;' how do you mirror their thoughts or actions? Move to the 'protagonists;' how do you reflect their thoughts or actions? Consider what you learn about God through the way Jesus interacts with people.

What do you learn about yourself? How does *who Jesus is* transform *who you are*?

What Does It Say?

First, we ask: *"What does this say?"*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what's being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/ words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don't understand, ideas you'd like to pursue further.

What Does It Mean?

We now ask ourselves: *"What does it mean?"*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using [a commentary](#), the [GROW](#) or [SOAP](#) Bible study tools, the [ESV Study Bible](#) notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out

So What?

Now we must ask: *"So what"*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for _____
and He is the reason why we _____.

RESOURCES

Here are some good resources to consider when getting to know God and growing to live for Christ. You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.

Bibles & Commentaries

English Standard Version (ESV) Study Bible

[Amazon](#) | Christianbook.com

The ESV Study Bible is a great resource - everyone should own one. Short commentary on each book of the Bible. You'll love this Bible for Galatians and any book you dig a little more into.

New International Version (NIV) Application Commentary

[Amazon](#) | Christianbook.com

Also wonderful, similar in great scholarship, accessible.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible

[Amazon](#) | Christianbook.com | [PDF](#)

Solid resource, also available as a free pdf online.

Online Media

The Bible Project

bibleproject.com

Great resources for every book of the Bible, themes that flow through the scriptures, and theology in general.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library

ccel.org

Online resource pool with tons of resources, a little much to sort through, but many are helpful.

Precept Austin

preceptaustin.org

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TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here is a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

1

What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?

2

How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?

3

Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.