



Reading through the New Testament—Week 10

March 12-18

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Becoming more like Jesus—growing in His Word

Introduction to Luke | from OliveTree Bible Overview

The third narrative of Jesus is credited to Luke, a Gentile Christian, physician, and companion of Paul on his missionary journeys (Col. 4:14). Because of Luke's heritage as a Gentile, his Gospel narrative affirms that the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus is a crucial part in God's plan of salvation. Luke presents Jesus's mission as one to seek and save those who are lost, from Zacchaeus to the Roman officer at the foot of the cross.

The Greek word for "gospel" translates as "good news." The term "gospel" appeared as a literary genre in the late second century to describe writings that present the life of Jesus, including his teachings, the discipleship of his followers, and his death and resurrection. The first three biblical Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, are called the Synoptic Gospels ("together seeing") because they follow a similar format and share many of the same stories. However, each of the four Gospels has its own distinctive style and emphases.

Luke's Gospel is rich in detail and contains many subgenres, including praise psalms, genealogies, sermons, parables, and more (Luke 1:46-55, 3:23-38, 12:22-34, 15). Seven miracles and 17 parables appear in Luke that are not included in the other Gospels. Likely writing in AD 60 or 63, Luke features the style of a meticulous historian.

For a video introduction check out:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/luke-1-9/>

This Week's Sermon Outline

The Followers | Luke 5:1:11, 27-32

Jesus said, “F_____ M_____”

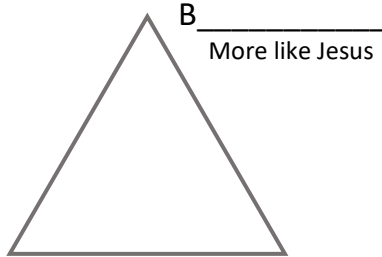
Luke 5:27 | Matthew 9:9 | Mark 2:14

Follow =

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our (St. Michael) path:





Your (Triangle) Path:

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor,
but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners
to repentance.”

Luke 5:31-32

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Luke

Chapter 2  3  4  5  6 

Additional Reflections from this week's reading

This week as you read, take note of the narratives and stories that stand out to you from each chapter. You can reflect on the readings by asking:

1. **What from this scripture stuck out to me?**
2. **So what connects into my life?**
3. **Pray: God, now what are you speaking into my life through this reading?**

Luke 2: What stood out to you as you read the account of Jesus birth?

Luke 3: John was sent to prepare the way. Who prepared the way for you? And who are you preparing a way for today?

Luke 4: As Jesus begins his ministry, does he do it in a way you expect?

Luke 5: See sermon notes. If you missed this weekend's services, check them out on our YouTube Channel - youtube.com/@stmfw.

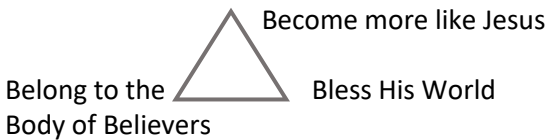
Luke 6: Which of Jesus teachings in chapter 6 are the hardest for you to read or ponder? Why?

Belonging in Community

Connect groups are communities—a group of Christians who meet together regularly—where we intentionally share in our faith walk. Connection is created through commitment and presence in fellowship, discussion, and prayer.

- Begin your time together by following up on anything that was shared during your last time together.
- Do you have anything to share from your personal studies? Take some time to share any reflections or aha's you had from them.

During worship this weekend we were asked to draw our own triangle.



Take some time to share what your triangle looks like, noting the stronger the relationship the more pronounced that point of the triangle will be. Some examples may be:

“I am really connected to God and His people, but I don’t have many relationships with people who aren’t Christian.”



“I’m good with God and with others, but the Church frustrates me.”



“I like people but I’m angry at God or I’ve never really spent much time with Him by myself.”



Share actions you can take to strengthen the relationship that may need a little attention?

Take some time in prayer.

Be sure to thank God for the strong relationships you have while asking for wisdom and provision in areas that need growth.

Blessing the World

Jesus asked 12 men to follow him. We also know that reading through the Gospels that he sends them out to lead and have others follow them. In the great commission we are sent out as well. Who is following you? And how are you intentionally sharing the Good News with them?