

# Luke - Guide

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**Luke Part 4 / Week of March 25, 2018**

## Reading:

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.<sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**- Hebrews 4:12-13**

## Getting Started

### Read the above verses

1. Has there ever been a time when the word of God supernaturally spoke into a specific situation that you were going through?
  - a. If not, do you believe that it can?

### Digging in

*During this series, we want people to be able to voice their thoughts and questions; however, we do not want to fill those with answers. As we walk through the book of Luke, we will be confronted with what we think we already know about Jesus versus what the bible says about Jesus. If there are questions that are tough and you do not know the answers immediately, find rest in the wrestling and spend the next week looking for answers. Don't be afraid to reach out for answers. If we can not wrestle through these tough questions together as a group in community, where else can we?*

## Going Deeper

2. In Luke 2:41-52, we learn about The Boy Jesus in the Temple. Focusing on Mary, and her search for Jesus after realizing he was missing, Brad told a story of when one of his own boys went missing for a short time. Do you have a similar story that you still have a hard time thinking about?

3. When Jesus was found in the temple, Mary rebuked Jesus in v. 48. As we know, Jesus was without sin.
  - a. Have you given someone a rebuke that was undeserved?
  - b. Did you follow-up and ask for forgiveness? If not, what did you do?
  - c. Is there someone you currently need to apologize to for unjustly rebuking?
4. What are some things that you often feel guilty about?
  - a. How do you tend to respond when you feel guilty? (BE HONEST!)
  - b. How does the Gospel take away our guilt?

## Application

### 1. When I was a child...

*In this section of Luke, we were introduced to a young Jesus who, at just 12 years old, was questioning the religious authorities of the day and communicating who he was, the Son of God. It is tough to imagine ourselves at this age, but try to think back to this time in your life as you answer the following questions*

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 13:11
  - i. What are some things that you did when you were younger that you regret, or at least would call 'not adult behavior'?
  - ii. What are some things you still do now, that you did when you were younger that you regret, or wish you didn't do?
  - iii. What damage has been/is being caused by your "not adult behavior" today? (Remember to use 'I' statements rather than 'they')

### 2. Contemporary "Bar Mitzvah"

*In Jewish culture, by the time Jesus had turned 12, he would have had many talks with his father (Joseph) about what it means to be a man.*

- a. Have you ever had anyone in your life who has discipled you and helped you go from one stage of spiritual maturation to another?
  - i. Have you ever had anyone in your life who helped you to understand what it means to be an adult? Or a parent?
  - ii. What is the advantage(s) of having these types of people in your life?
  - iii. What can happen if you are never taught or told how to be an adult?
- b. How can you be that for someone else? (Besides your own kids)

## Reflection - The Soul Piercing Questions of Jesus

1. Why do you go to Hill City or this City Group?
2. What do you want from Jesus?
3. What are you chasing?

4. Why are you anxious?
5. Why are you weeping?
6. Who are you seeking?
7. Do you believe Jesus is able to do this?
8. Will you lay down your life for Jesus' sake?
9. Why do you call Jesus Lord, when you do not do what he says?
  - a. Is Jesus your Lord?
10. Why have you forsaken me?
  - a. Have you ever felt this way?
  - b. Now read Psalm 22:1-3
    - i. When you feel this way, do you still acknowledge God's sovereignty?

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:15-16

Where do you need mercy and grace, right now?

**Take some time now to pray over all of this. In the weight of these things, pray for the people in your life that need to wrestle with this and**