

Luke - Guide

Luke Part 1/ What do I do with Jesus?

Reading:

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

- **Luke 1:1-4**

Getting Started

Read the above verses

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2. Why did Luke write to Theophilus? Answer: “THat you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.”

Going Deeper

This week 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.

We will be confronted with whether we are worshiping the Jesus of the bible, or a Jesus we have created in our head. Create an environment where people can just shout out a thought they have. If possible, write those thoughts down on a piece of paper or poster board.

Verse 3, “...having followed all things closely for some time past...” Daniel explained how this passage gives us insight into Luke’s thinking. Luke was not

an apostle, nor did he physically walk alongside Jesus. Luke was skeptical, he “followed all things closely for some time” to find out for himself.

1. Are you skeptical of Jesus?
2. Are you skeptical of the things recorded in the bible?
3. What things do you have a hard time believing?
4. What things do you just flat-out not believe?

Jesus was a polarizing figure, Daniel said people either hated him, feared him, or worshipped him. C.S. Lewis believes you must either declare Jesus a liar, lunatic, or Lord. As we work through Luke, you will also be forced to answer the question of, “Who is Jesus, and what do I do with him?”

Continue asking questions without allowing “answers.” Hopefully, you will get honest answers that reflect the hearts of the people in your group. It will allow you, as a group leader, to know where they are struggling or doubting.

1. What do you know about Jesus?
Have your group rattle off as many as they can come up with. Write them down.
2. What do you actually believe about Jesus?
Remember, knowledge and belief are not the same. Belief produces a functional change; belief is what we actually do.
3. Who is God?
4. What do you know about God?
5. What is salvation? Is it necessary? What is the point?
6. How are you “saved”?
7. Who can be, or cannot be, “saved”?
8. What is sin? Is it real?
9. What do you do when you sin?
10. Are there consequences for sin? What if one is “worse” than the other consequence?
11. How do you please God? Can he be pleased at all?
12. What is the point of living on earth?
13. What is the point of you? Why do you exist or matter?
14. Read Matthew 24:1-14, what does this verse mean?
“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”
15. How confident are you in your answers to these questions?