

The Gospel of Luke Journal

Winter 2022

Bible Study, Faith Sharing, Reflection and Prayer

Schedule

All the sessions will begin at 7:00pm

January 5, Luke 2:41-4:13

January 12, Luke 4:14-5:39

January 19, Luke 6:1-7:50

January 26, Luke 8:1-9:50

February 2, Luke 9:51-11:54

February 9, Luke 12:1-13:35

February 16, Luke 14:1-15:32

February 23, Luke 16:1-17:37

March 2, Luke 18:1-27

March 9, Luke 19:28-21:38

March 16, Luke 22:1-23:56

March 23, Luke 24:1-50



Week 3 Luke 2:41-4:15

- 1. What do you remember about being a 12 year-old?**

- 2. Mary kept these events in her heart (Luke 2:51). This suggests that Mary was open to the will of God. Have you ever felt that you were open to the will of God? How so?**

- 3. After reading the little pericope about young Jesus in the temple, did it change your view of the Holy Family?**

- 4. At the time of writing Luke's gospel, time was kept by mentioning who was in leadership. If we measured time like that, we might say that we are in the second year of President Biden leading the United States. If you were writing history in this fashion, besides Biden who would you describe in leadership at this time?**

- 5. What do you believe is at the heart of John's message at the Jordan?**

6. What was John the Baptist trying to say to the community of his time, to the community now, and to you personally?

7. The Baptism of Jesus reminds me that just because I'm invited into the process of conversion does not mean that I'm willing to do what is necessary for conversion. Are you in need of conversion or perhaps reconciliation?

8. After Jesus's baptism A voice came from the heavens saying, "you are my beloved son: with you I am well pleased". How are you beloved?

9. The desert is described as a barren area with low rainfall. In biblical perspective barren places were places where humans encountered God. Where do you encounter God?

10. It says at the beginning of chapter 4 that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit been with you when you were tempted?

11. There is a threefold tempting done by the devil; food, power, and false worship which one of these temptations is easiest for you to avoid?



Week 4 Luke 4:16-5:39

1. Luke says that Jesus continues to teach in the synagogues being led by the Spirit. Have you ever felt led by the Spirit? Explain.
2. [4:18] Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah. If you were called to read a few verses, from the Hebrew or the Christian Scriptures what would you select?
3. And what would you say about this passage to the people assembled?
4. Jesus was not respected in his hometown. Describe a time when you were greeted by someone who knew you when you were a child and treated you like the child you once were. Did you just let it go—or did you try to let them know that you have grownup?
5. [4:28] “They were all filled with rage”. What made the group want to drive Jesus out of town? Do you believe this is the kind of rage that caused the events of January 6, 2021? How are they similar and how are they different?
6. [4:36] What authority and power do WE have? Can WE call upon the power of God to do miracles?
7. It must have been difficult to preach the good news when so many people had real physical needs. At this time in our history, many are concerned about covid. Consequently, many are not participating in the Eucharist.

Many have turned to virtual Mass attendance. Do you think our church leadership wonders similarly, How do we proclaim the good news when people are concerned about other issues?

8. [5:1-11] After the miracle of the big fish catch, the disciples “followed him”. What would it take for you to follow Jesus like that (leave your job, home and family)?
9. [5:8b] Have you ever felt like Peter, needing to fall on your knees before the Lord. Describe the circumstances.
10. [5:21] Jesus is accused of blasphemies. The scribes were upset by Jesus’ actions. At times, why are our hearts closed to the love of God?
11. [5:26] “Today we have seen marvelous things” (After the miracle of the leper and of the paralytic) Explain a time when you observed “marvelous things”.
12. [5:32] Do you find it comforting that Jesus came for sinners, or do you wish the sinners would just go to hell and be done with it?
13. When the religious leadership questions Jesus’ ministry; Jesus talks about new patches on old clothing, and new wine skins. Perhaps it is a metaphor for a new way of looking at the word of God. Your thoughts?
14. This week’s readings have many healings and changes of heart. If all on earth were healthy would we have a need for God? If our hearts were full

of love would we have need for God? Is part of our human existence require a need for the divine? Explain your thoughts.



Week 5 Luke 6:1-7:50

1. How come Jesus and the disciples always seem to be bumping into Pharisees and Sadducees and scribes and lawyers? Are they tracking him? And if yes, why?
2. Jesus speaks the sabbath belonging to us. How do you celebrate sabbath each week?
3. (6:6-11) Withered hand story...Jesus seemed to know that the Jewish leadership were looking for something to hang on Jesus. Why were they so preoccupied with this carpenter preacher?
4. (6:10) When in scriptures do you remember hearing/reading "Stretch out your hand"? What was going on?
5. (6:11) Did you ever feel a time when you were "filled with fury"? What were the circumstances?
6. (6:12) Did you ever pray for a great length of time? What was going on? What forms of prayer did you use? What was the outcome?
7. (6:14-16) If you lived in first century Palestine, would you have wanted to be called by Jesus to this ministry?
8. (6:20-26) Compare the Beatitudes as found on sermon on the Plain with Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:3-12).
9. (6:37) "Do not judge, and you will not be judged." Does that work in our real world? There are six quid pro quo's. Do any of these examples

work in our modern life?

10. (6: 41) Describe a time when the fault you saw in another was the same fault you do not like in yourself.

11. (7:1-10) Jesus was impressed by the Centurion's Faith. The story was described in a military fashion. When orders are given the subordinates follow the orders. Are there other times when Jesus' ministry is described in orderly terms? What are some of the other ways Jesus ministry is described?

12. (7:11-17) The woman was deeply moved because her son was dead. This is Jesus' first resuscitation in Luke's gospel. What were the other times Jesus helped someone rise from the dead? What was Jesus' motivation to restore these people?

13. (7:18-20) Why was John unsure about Jesus?

14. (7:21-23) Why didn't Jesus answer John's disciples question?

15. What is sin?



Week 6 Luke 8:1-9:5, January 26

1. Why do you suppose Mary Magdalene and Johanna were mentioned in Luke's gospel? Was it because they financially supported the mission?
2. We all like to believe we were thrown into good soil; is that true for you? (8:4-15)

3. Trick question: Which is the best for a seed to grow? the seed? the sower? anything else? (8:11-15)
4. How important is hearing the word? (8:21)
5. Jesus performed many miracles; the apostle saw the wondrous deeds. However, the apostles found it difficult to believe even when they saw the wonders of Jesus. Why do we find it easier to believe than the apostles did? (8:22-25)
6. Imagine the faith of the woman with the hemorrhage. She believed that if she touched his cloak she would be healed, and so it happened. Jesus healed her without realizing it until it had happened. Do you find this interesting? (Luke 8:40-48)
7. Early in Chapter 9 Jesus gives the Twelve his healing power. Would you like to have those gifts today? Do you have the gift of healing? (9:1-9)
8. Herod seemed to have a healthy curiosity about Jesus. Why? (9:7-9)
9. The exegeses of Jesus' multiplication of loaves and fishes has caused conflict among readers of scripture. One group suggests that the multiplication is a miracle of Jesus multiplying the food stuff. Another exegesis suggests that when people saw the generosity of Jesus, they were moved to share the food that they had carried with them. Some would suggest that the generosity was a miracle. What say you? (9:10-17)
10. There are at least five reasons to believe the feeding of the 5000: in all four Gospels, recalls other miracles, foreshadows the Eucharist, connects with the theme of God's feast in heaven, celebrates the Messianic banquet of the Last Supper. How many of the examples would you need to believe? (9:12-17)

11. Who do you say that Jesus is? (9:18-21)
12. What are the conditions of discipleship in this time? How is it different now than the time of Jesus? (9:23-27)
13. During the transfiguration what do you think Jesus and Moses and Elijah talked about? How did Moses and Elijah get there. And how did the apostles recognize them?



Week 7 Luke 9:51--11:54, February 2

1. What is wrong with saying that “I will follow you as I go say goodbye to my family” or “Let me first bury my father”? (9:59-61)
2. Did you ever feel “to call down fire from heaven to consume them”? (As the Samaritan did not receive the apostles) (9:54)



Week 8 Luke 12:1-13:35, February 9



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