

The Gospel of Luke

Knowing Jesus Christ in My Life

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CLASS LOCATION

Main room off foyer

COURSE OVERVIEW

In the Gospel of Luke, we will explore the “orderly” account of the historical life of Jesus Christ. Don’t worry... I have no intentions of lecturing the entire time. Nonetheless, I do want to highlight the unique aspects of this gospel when compared to the other gospels. We will focus on specific themes designed to not only reaffirm belief in Jesus Christ, but to impart assurances meant specifically for gentile believers.

In the book, Luke puts a spotlight on people who are often looked down upon or disparaged, outcasts, downtrodden, misfits of the day. He includes stories of individuals with social challenges, physical limitations, diseases, and sins. I pray our time together will be not only informative but engaging for everyone involved!

REQUIRED TEXT

Bible (ESV, NKJV, NIV, ASV)
H.E.A.R. Journal
Course materials

COURSE SCHEDULE

| DATES | SUBJECT | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|-------------|---|
| 01/01/2023 | INTRO | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Gospel of Luke |
| 01/08/2023 | Chapter 1-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The angel Gabriel foretold the birth of John.• Mary gave birth in Bethlehem. Angels sent shepherds to see the child. He told Mary, "You will have a son named Jesus." Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord!"• Jesus was presented at the temple. He grew in wisdom and stature. |
| 01/15/2023 | Chapter 3-4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John came from the wilderness preaching repentance. Jesus was baptized. He was son of David, son of Abraham, son of Adam, son of God.• Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. In the synagogue, he read out, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." He healed all the sick. |

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| 01/22/2023 | Chapter 5-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus. Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic. The Pharisees asked him about fasting. • Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He chose twelve apostles. He said, "Blessed are the poor. Love your enemies. Hear and do my words." |
| 01/29/2023 | Chapter 7-8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus healed a centurion's servant and raised a widow's son. John sent messengers to Jesus. A woman washed Jesus' feet with her tears. • Jesus told a parable about a sower. He explained it to his disciples. He calmed a storm, delivered a man and healed Jairus' daughter. |
| 02/05/2023 | Chapter 9-10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus sent out the twelve. He fed 5,000 men. Peter said, "You are the Christ." Jesus said, "Take up your cross." He was transfigured. • Jesus sent out the seventy-two. A lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus said, "A man was robbed. He was helped by a Samaritan." |
| 02/12/2023 | Chapter 11-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus said, "Pray, 'Father, your kingdom come.' Seek and you will find. Only the sign of Jonah will be given. Woe to you Pharisees!" |
| 02/19/2023 | Chapter 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus said, "Even the hairs of your head are numbered. Sell your possessions. Be ready for the Son of Man. I came to bring division." |
| 02/26/2023 | Journal Review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Chapters 1-12 using our class journals |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We will be using the H.E.A.R. Bible Study method throughout the first twelve chapters of Luke. Each participant will be encouraged to share thoughts, and insights from their bible study using the following format.

H.E.A.R. Bible study method or "journaling method promotes reading the Bible with a life-transforming purpose. No longer will your focus be on checking off the boxes on your daily reading schedule; your purpose will instead be to read in order to understand and respond to God's Word."

As mentioned, HEAR is a basic acronym that stands for:

H – Highlight

E – Explain

A – Apply

R – Respond

Learn more about <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOjkFYMNrUc> or (@sharinglifeandlove.com)

JOURNALLING INSTRUCTIONS

HIGHLIGHT

After praying for the Holy Spirit's guidance, we want to read with a purpose. In the course of your reading, one or two verses will usually stand out and speak to you. After reading the passage of Scripture, Highlight each verse that speaks to you and write it out under the section labeled Hear.

Here are few questions to consider:

1. What is the name of the Book?
2. What is the Passage of Scripture?
3. What is the chapter and verses that speak directly to you?
4. What is a Title to describe the passage?

EXPLAIN

After you have highlighted the passage, you will Explain what the text means. By asking some simple questions, with the help of God's Spirit, you can understand the meaning of a passage or verse. Here are a few questions to consider:

1. Why was this written?
2. To whom was it originally written?
3. How does it fit within the verses before and after it?
4. Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book of the Bible?
5. What is He intending to communicate through this text?

At this point you are beginning in the process of discovering the specific and personal word that God has for you from His word. What is important is that you are engaging the text and wrestling with it's meaning.

APPLICATION

After writing a short summary of what you think the text means, you will then focus on application. Application is the heart of the process. Everything you have done so far culminates under this heading. As you have done before consider these questions to uncover the significance of these verses to you personally:

1. How can this help me?
2. What does this mean today?
3. What would the application of this verse look like in my life?
4. What does this mean to me?
5. What is God saying to me?

These questions bridge the gap between the ancient world and your world today. They provide a way for God to speak to you from the specific passage or verse. Write out two to five sentences about how this text applies to your life.

RESPOND

Finally you will focus on response. Your response to the passage may take on many forms. You may write a call to action. You may describe how you will be different because of what God has said to you through His Word. You

may indicate what you are going to do because of what you have learned. You May respond by writing out a prayer to God. Keep in mind that this is your response to what you just read.

Notice all of the words in the H.E.A.R formula are action words. God does not want us to sit back and wait for Him to drop truth into our laps. Instead of waiting passively, God desires that we actively pursue Him.

Think of the miracle of the Bible. Over centuries of time, God supernaturally moved up on a number of men in an unusual way that resulted in them writing the exact Words of God. God led His people to recognize these divine writings and to distinguish them from everything that has ever been written. Then God's people brought these sixty-six books together. The preservation and survival of the Bible is as miraculous as its writing. Then God gave men, beginning with Gutenberg's printing press, technological knowledge to copy and transmit the Bible so that all people could have it. All because God has something to say to you.

H.E.A.R. JOURNAL

SAMPLE

Read: Philippians 4:10-13

Date: 11-30-20

Title: Secret of Contentment

H (Highlight)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

E (Explain)

Paul was telling the church at Philippi that he has discovered the secret of contentment. No matter the situation in Paul's life, he realized that Christ was all he needed, and Christ was the one who strengthened him to persevere through difficult times.

A (Apply)

In my life, I will experience many ups and downs. My contentment is not found in circumstances. Rather, it is based on my relationship with Jesus Christ. Only Jesus gives me the strength I need to be content in every circumstance of life.

R (Respond)

Lord Jesus, please help me as I strive to be content in You. Through Your strength, I can make it through any situation I must face.



Sample H.E.A.R Journal Entry

H (Highlight) - I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me." Phil 4:13

E (Explain) - Paul was telling the church at Philippi that he has discovered the secret of contentment. No matter the situation in Paul's life, he realized that Christ was all he needed, and Christ was the one who strengthened him to persevere through difficult times.

A (Apply) - In my life, I will experience many ups and downs. My contentment is not found in circumstances. Rather, it is based on my relationship with Jesus Christ. Only Jesus gives me the strength I need to be content in every circumstance of life.

R (Respond) - Lord Jesus, please help me as I strive to be content in You. Through Your strength, I can make it through any situation I face.