

God's Big Ideas

The Gospel of Luke – Bible study (for personal or group use)

In using this study, you may find it helpful to have the transcript of the teaching and/or the PowerPoint presentation to hand for reference.

Read Luke 1:1-4

1. What evidence does Luke provide in verses 1-3a for the reliability of his narrative? What does this tell us about how he has put his Gospel together? How does this evidence support our own faith?
2. What has Luke set out to write (verse 3b) and why (verse 4)? How can knowing this help us to read the Gospel better?

Read Luke 24:44-53

3. What does verse 44 tell us about the relationship between the gospel events and the Old Testament scriptures? Look up the following examples: 4:1-12 (law of Moses); 4:16-21 (prophets); 20:41-44 (psalms). How does Jesus fulfil these passages?
4. What is the task of the church – *our* task – after Jesus' resurrection (verse 47)? How are repentance and forgiveness foundational to the gospel (compare 3:3; 5:30-32)? On whose witness is our proclamation to be based (note verse 33)?
5. What is the promise of the Father mentioned in verse 49, and what is its effect on the disciples? How does this parallel the experience of Jesus (compare 3:21-22; 4:14-15)? How should we model our mission on the example of Jesus?
6. How might Jesus' ascension in verse 51 relate to his promise in verse 49 (compare Acts 2:33)? How does his divine authority encourage and guide us in our mission?