

Studying Luke's Gospel for/with my Congregation
September 14 – October 12, 7:00 – 9:00
Syllabus

September 14 Session One

Introduction to our Course
Introduction to Luke (and a side-long glance at the Acts of the Apostles)
Focus on chapters one and two of Luke's gospel

September 21 Session Two

Preparation for ministry
Focus on chapters 3 and 4 of Luke's gospel, especially the baptism,
Temptations, and the ministry of John the Baptizer
The Galilean Ministry begins
Focus on chapters 5 and 6, especially the Sermon on the Plain

September 28 Session Three

Jesus, a Prophet and More than a prophet.
What Jesus does and what it means: Healings, parabolic teaching, journeying.
Focus on chapters 7-10, especially Jesus' teaching in parables (Chapter 8),
Mission instructions (Chapters 9 and 10), Luke's way of telling the story, and the
Transfiguration (Luke 9).

At the heart of the Gospel – Discipleship

We will also notice how Jesus has begun to "get in trouble." How does Luke tell this story that ends in Jesus' death?
Focus on chapters 11-15, especially The Lord's Prayer (Chapter 11), Instructions for disciples (Luke 12), and the parables of the lost (Luke 15).

October 5 Session Four

The end of the journey to Jerusalem
Jesus' Jerusalem teaching
Focus on chapters 16-21, especially the parables of the Steward of Unrighteousness (Luke 16), the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19), Jesus' apocalyptic words (Luke 21). We will continue to observe how trouble builds for Jesus. What is it about his message or person that leads to the cross?

October 12 Session Five

The passion of Jesus according to St. Luke
The final scene – the promise of the future.
Focus on chapters 22-24.

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